

Editor POST-DISPATCH:  
Regarding the lost watch chain and locket I lost Wednesday night, through the honesty of one of your detectives, the article in your issue of December 21, 1914, is most appreciated.  
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## RUSSIANS BLOCK GERMANS ON THE BZURA, 30 MILES WEST OF WARSAW

Muscovites, Strongly Entrenched on Third Line of Defense, Have, for Three Days, Prevented 200,000 of Von Hindenburg's Men From Crossing the Stream.

Czar's Forces Content Themselves With Retarding Invaders on Wide Front and With Preventing Flanking Operations.

Allies Advance Slightly Along Line in France and Belgium, German Trenches Being Captured at Several Points.

By Associated Press.  
LONDON, Dec. 21.—Persistent rumors are current that a German cruiser has been sunk off the coast of Scotland. It also is rumored that two British destroyers arrived at Leith, Scotland, badly damaged.

There is no official confirmation of these reports.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 21.—The Russian forces are still holding at bay the German column which is seeking to cross the Bzura River at Sochaczew and advance on Warsaw, 30 miles away. For three days this German army of about 200,000 men has been endeavoring to cross the river and throw back the Russians who are holding the right bank.

Sochaczew continues to be the German objective in the attempt to reach Warsaw. The Russian forces on the right bank of the Bzura are heavily entrenched. Their artillery is so placed that it commands the river to its junction with the Vistula, 18 miles north, toward the Russian line extended to Polesno, 25 miles east of Piotrkow, which recently was evacuated, and 45 miles east of Sochaczew, where the Russians first opposed the German advance.

It is given out that the Russians have fallen back on their third line of defense. The evacuation of Lodz which led to the west of this line, was thus in logical sequence to this movement, and, according to the opinion here, had no bearing on the attack on Warsaw. The Russians for the present apparently are attempting nothing more than to retard the enemy and to defeat attempts at flanking movements.

The statement issued last night by the general staff said:

"On the left bank of the Vistula River, on the front of the Bzura and Rawka Rivers, a number of encounters, some of them of a very fierce description, took place on the 19th instant."

"Two German companies which had crossed the Bzura near the village of Dabkowa, on a half burned bridge, were immediately attacked by our troops and annihilated. Of this force only 50 men remained. These were made prisoners."

"Fighting also is reported in the region of Polesno (to the east of Piotrkow)."

"In Galicia the situation is without important change. At certain points we have made counter attacks and captured some prisoners and machine guns."

"In the district of Przemyśl the Austrians attempted a sortie in great strength. The movement failed and the outcome was that we took them on the flank and captured a great many prisoners."

French Take Trenches in West and Night Wing Also Advances.

PARIS, Dec. 21.—The War Office's official communication issued today follows:

"The day of Dec. 20 brought nothing of importance in Belgium. If exception is made of some progress in the region of Lombardzyde and St. Georges and at a point to the southeast of the Inn of Kortrijk, which is southeast of Bixchoote; the occupation of some houses in Wartelen, south of Zillebeke, and the bombardment by the enemy of the Ypres Hospital."

"Between the Lys and the Aisne, we have occupied a forest near the route between Nieuwille and Souchez, and we also took possession of all the first line of German trenches between this highway and the first houses of Notre Dame de Lorette, southwest of Loos."

"The enemy has bombarded Arras. Our heavy artillery has answered the repeated occasions the artillery of the enemy to the north of Carnoy, which is to the east of Avesnes. This artillery also demolished the German trenches and sent head over heels two cannon of a battery established near Hom, which is to the southeast of Carnoy. The heavy artillery also scored distinct advantages on the Aisne, and in the sector of Rheims."

"In Champagne, in the region of Fromant, Perth and Bassefontaine, as Continued on Page 2, Column 2.

## "HIRE-A-MAN" IS NEW MOVEMENT KIEL SUGGESTS

Mayor to Ask B. M. L. to Urge 1800 Firms to Add One Employee Each.

A "hire-a-man" movement may be started by St. Louis business firms as the result of a request which Mayor Kiel plans to make of the officers of the Business Men's League. The Mayor said today to a Post-Dispatch reporter that he would ask President Capen and Secretary Saunders of the League to co-operate with him in bringing to the attention of members a request that each firm employ at least one additional man, in however humble a capacity. There are about 1800 firms in the league, the Mayor says, and if each would hire one head of a family, some 5000 needy persons would be relieved of immediate want.

The only city employment which has developed thus far, aside from Park Commissioner David plan to hire women to make bathing suits, and the increase of the Fire Department by 13 men, is the announcement, made today by Director of Public Safety Swingley, that five painters will be employed to decorate the interiors of the fire engine houses.

## FARMER SELLING 'POSSUM CROP

Takes 15 to Market at Edwardsville—Will Have More.

Madison County's strangest industry, the Edwardsville possum farm, is now harvesting its crop. John Bales, who lives three miles south of Edwardsville in the Cahokia Creek bottoms, brought to town Monday 15 opossums, which he sold to a grocer. The dealers put the dressed animals on sale at 25 cents each, and quickly disposed of them. Bales expects to have a steady supply during the winter.

He has inclosed a tract on his farm which because it is in the creek bottoms is subject to overflow and full of undergrowth, and set it aside for the raising of opossums. They require little or no attention, and besides yielding something on the pelt, Bales sells the carcasses to the stores.

## UPSETS HOLDUP MAN ON ICE

Henry Kaune, 56 years old, of 3929 Humphrey street, fell on the police that he found the slippery condition of the sidewalks a valuable asset when a robber accosted him at one of the Grand avenue entrances to Tower Grove Park last night.

He said that when the robber said "hands up," he brought his hook-hand under the umbrella into play, caught the robber about the leg, upset him and then hastened away.

## \$5000 WILLED TO TRUCKMAN

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The will of Mrs. Anna Palmer Draper, late of New York and Dobbs Ferry, who left \$400,000 to the New York Public Library, contained a bequest of \$5000 to Heskiah Martin, truckman of Dobbs Ferry.

"I moved Mrs. Palmer's household goods 14 times," said Martin in explaining the bequest. "Every time she changed her residence from her city to her country home, or back again, I was the man who handled the job, and I never broke anything."

## TOWN CHASES 100 GEESE

LOUST GROVE, Ok., Dec. 21.—Residents of this town spent most of today spraying after geese, it being goose-catching day—the big annual event.

Upon a signal 100 big fat geese, purchased by the merchants, were liberated one by one from the roof of the schoolhouse. Bankers and farmers vied with children in attempts to catch the birds, for they were the property of their captors. Many of the geese sailed a quarter of a mile before striking the ground.

## For 403 consecutive Sundays

over 7½ years

the SUNDAY POST-DISPATCH has led all other St. Louis newspapers in the volume of business carried.

This is an unparalleled record. No other metropolitan Sunday newspaper in the United States has ever approached it.

On Sunday, Dec. 20th, the POST-DISPATCH beat both of its Sunday competitors—the Globe-Democrat and Republic—added together, by 2520 gate lines in the total volume of business carried.

The total count was as follows:

Post-Dispatch, 272 Cols.

Globe-Democrat, 170 "

Republic . . . . . 93 "

In local merchants' display advertising.

The Post-Dispatch alone carried . . . 180 Cols.

The Globe and Republic combined . . 163 Cols.

On 81 days thus far this year the POST-DISPATCH has equaled or exceeded all the other St. Louis papers combined in columns of city merchants' display advertising carried on the same day.

## THE REASON:

Average Circulation First 11 Months of 1914:

Daily (except Sunday), 176,349

Sunday . . . . . 313,134

First in Everything.

## ST. LOUIS COUNTY JUDGES ORDERED TO REPAY FEES

Circuit Court Holds That Wietaupt Owes \$3,729.75 and Buermann \$745.72.

## OTHER SUITS PENDING

State Auditor Said \$55,000 Was Due From Officials—Cases Caused Political Fight.

The first decision in the celebrated St. Louis County fee cases, in which it was charged that certain officers of the county had allowed themselves an aggregate of \$55,000 to which they were not entitled, was handed down by Circuit Judge McElhinney at Clayton this morning. By the decision, Presiding County Judge John Wietaupt will have to repay to the county \$3,729.75, and District Judge William Buermann will have to refund \$745.72.

The suits were based upon a report made by State Auditor Gordon last spring, after a long investigation by expert accountants, in which he found that the officials of the County Court were indebted to the county in the amount of \$55,000. Prosecuting Attorney Lashly filed suit against the present and former officials of the court to recover the money. It was charged that the county Court officials had allowed themselves pay at the rate of \$5 a day for what they termed committee days. Judge McElhinney held that they had no right to make these charges, but, from the bench, declared that he regretted to be compelled to make such a decision.

Both Judges Were Re-Elected. The defense of Judges Wietaupt and Buermann, both of whom were re-elected in November, was that they merely allowed themselves pay for time actually employed in inspecting bridges, roads and other work done under the supervision of the County Court.

The effort of Prosecuting Attorney Lashly to compel the County Court officials to make restitution resulted in a very bitter political fight, in which the county newspapers took active part. Judge McElhinney, in his decision, said that it was a matter of regret that a suit pending before the court should be argued in the newspapers and be made a political issue. Such procedure, he said, was like an attempt to recall a Judge to forestall his decision, or to embarrass the court.

"It is a cause of regret and embarrassment," the Court said, "that parties innocent of any intent to disregard the law may suffer loss of money to which they would have been entitled if they had complied with the law. In the discharge of his official duties it frequently occurs that the Judge must render decisions the results of which are not to his own liking."

Judge McElhinney is a Republican, and all the members of the County Court were by Lashly are Republicans. Suits for \$2,000 against William Seibel, present Clerk of the County Court, and for \$20,000 against John Kuhl, former Clerk, are pending.

The fight over the fee cases became so bitter during the fall campaign that the Republican leaders attempted to prove that Prosecuting Attorney Lashly had accepted fees to which he was not entitled. The grand jury investigated the charges, but exonerated Lashly.

A. E. L. Gardner, attorney for the county officials, told a Post-Dispatch reporter that he would appeal from Judge McElhinney's decision.

## Heir to the Large Zimmerman Fortune and the Children of the Ducal Couple in England



## WEDDINGS WHILE CAR WAITS BY A JUSTICES' TRUST

Merger Formed by Rivals to Boost Advantages of Being Married in Waterloo, Ill.

Squire Hugo Bremser, "marrying Justice," and Justice Louis S. de Mint, "marriages a specialty," have gone into partnership to corner the matrimonial business at Waterloo, Ill., and work it up to something like it ought to be, considering Waterloo's attractions and advantages and its exceptional facilities, which make it possible to get a license and get married all in 15 minutes, and get the same trolley car back to St. Louis.

Fifteen-minute marriages are entirely feasible in Waterloo because Squire Bremser, as his business card relates, is "with County Clerk who issues the license." The County Clerk who issues the license is Henry Eisenbaur. Squire Hugo is his deputy. Before the ink is dry on the license he is ready to say the words or he has called up Justice Louis. If it is Louis' turn, and Louis is on hand. The two, who were formerly rivals for business, lately reached this understanding.

Justice de Mint came to St. Louis today and asked the Post-Dispatch to print a piece about the new marriage center, what Monroe County needed, and what, more particularly, Waterloo needed, and what, still more particularly, he and Squire Bremser needed, was more marriages and a good way to get them, he thought, was to have something put in the paper.

"Just put in," he said, "that Waterloo, Ill., is a nice, quiet, little town, where couples can get married in 15 minutes if they are in a hurry. It is 24 miles south of East St. Louis on the East St. Louis, Columbia & Waterloo Electric Railroad. Cars leave East St. Louis every hour and a half and it takes an hour and a quarter to make the run to Waterloo."

## PLANT EMPLOYING 600 MEN AT PEKIN, ILL., REOPENS

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Dec. 21.—The great plant of the American Corn Products Refining Co. at Pekin reopened today after suspension since Oct. 1. Six hundred men are at work, and others will be put on later. The Acme Harvester Co. at South Bartonsville, employing 150 men, will reopen Jan. 2, after suspension of several months.

## COLDER TONIGHT, MINIMUM WILL BE ABOUT 6 ABOVE

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## MANY INJURED BY FALLS AFTER THE SLEET STORM

Cold Wave to Follow Tonight With Minimum About 6 Above, a 15-Degree Drop.

### STREET TRAFFIC IMPEDED

Wire Communications Interrupted in Some Quarters; Wide Area Held in Frigid Grip.

The ice coating left on streets and sidewalks by yesterday's sleet storm caused traffic difficulties today, and occasioned injury to a number of persons.

Street cars on many lines were stalled. In some cases this was due to accumulation of ice on the trolley wires, but in most instances the delays were caused by horses falling in the street car tracks. Skidding automobiles and trucks also blocked traffic at some points.

The storm which began shortly before noon Sunday was attended by some unusually quick changes in temperature.

Temperature Varies Greatly. The light snowfall was accompanied by a rapid drop in temperature which, after about an hour turned the snow into sleet. Then came the sudden rise in temperature which turned the sleet into rain. The second drop in temperature caused the rain to freeze, putting a coating of ice on all outdoors.

The sleet interfered with long distance telephone communication between St. Louis and Belleville and several other toll lines from St. Louis to points in Illinois also were out of service.

The Western Union and Postal Telegraph companies reported some interference with wire traffic from Eastern points, but said the sleet caused less trouble than had been anticipated.

One effect of the slippery streets was to reduce the number of automobiles usually on the streets in the morning. The condition of the streets was a sure preventive against speeding, and the motor cycle policemen had little to do.

A not uncommon experience of automobilists when the storm was at its height yesterday was to find that their machines were frozen to the ground. Those which were left standing out in the rain were held in a trap when the water in the streets was turned into ice. In some cases the machines had to be chopped out of the ice.

In some cases wagons slid into gutters and were overturned. At Delmar avenue and the Washburn tracks, a big covered moving van slid into the curb with great force and would have capsized, but for a telegraph pole, which it struck in toppling over. It remained leaning against the pole at an angle of 45 degrees, with the horses turned round, unable to pull away.

Sleet Over a Wide Area. The sleet and snow extended from Central Kansas to St. Louis. Snow fell throughout the northern part of the country east of the Rocky Mountains and there was rain in the Gulf States.

In Western and Northern Missouri the snows were the heaviest of the season, with the fall ranging from 8 to 11 inches. The fall in Kansas was the heaviest in December since 1892.

## MANY INJURED ON ICY STREETS

Pelleman Bernard Stelmel slipped and fell on the ice in the middle of Sixteenth street, between Walnut street and Clark avenue, at 4 o'clock this morning. Although his scalp was cut he continued walking his beat until he met another policeman. He went to his home after his injury had been dressed at the city dispensary.

James Hays, 25 years old, an engineer of Newburg, Mo., slipped on the icy walk in front of the Laclede statue in the city hall grounds last night. His back was sprained. He was taken to 406 Sennelands avenue, where he has been visiting.

Fred Laiding, a driver for the Hayd Bakery Co., was severely injured this morning when his wagon skidded on the slippery street at Eighteenth and Gratiot and overturned when he was trying to drive from the car tracks. He was caught beneath the wagon and his right leg was fractured in two places. He was taken to the city hospital.

Henry Reinert, 54 years old, of 1516 Singleton street, fell in front of his home last night. His right ankle was fractured and his back was sprained. He was taken to the city hospital.

Mike Fee, 55 years old, with no regular home, slipped on Walnut, between Third and Fourth streets. Two ribs on his right side were fractured. He was taken to the city hospital.

Mrs. Laura Hampton, a negro of Leffingwell avenue and Walnut street slipped in the yard and broke her left arm.

Cesar Bonze of 504 Shaw avenue fell at King's highway and Laclede avenue. The back of his head struck the ice, and his scalp was lacerated.

Ed Ryan of 213 Market street fell on his face at Fourth and Wash streets. His forehead above the right eye was cut open.

George W. Winkler of 4023 Minnesota avenue fractured his right leg when he fell on the sidewalk at Ninth and Lynch streets. He is at the city hospital.

John W. Harding of 210 South Eighth street fell with such force on the sidewalk at Broadway and Russell avenue that his scalp was badly lacerated.

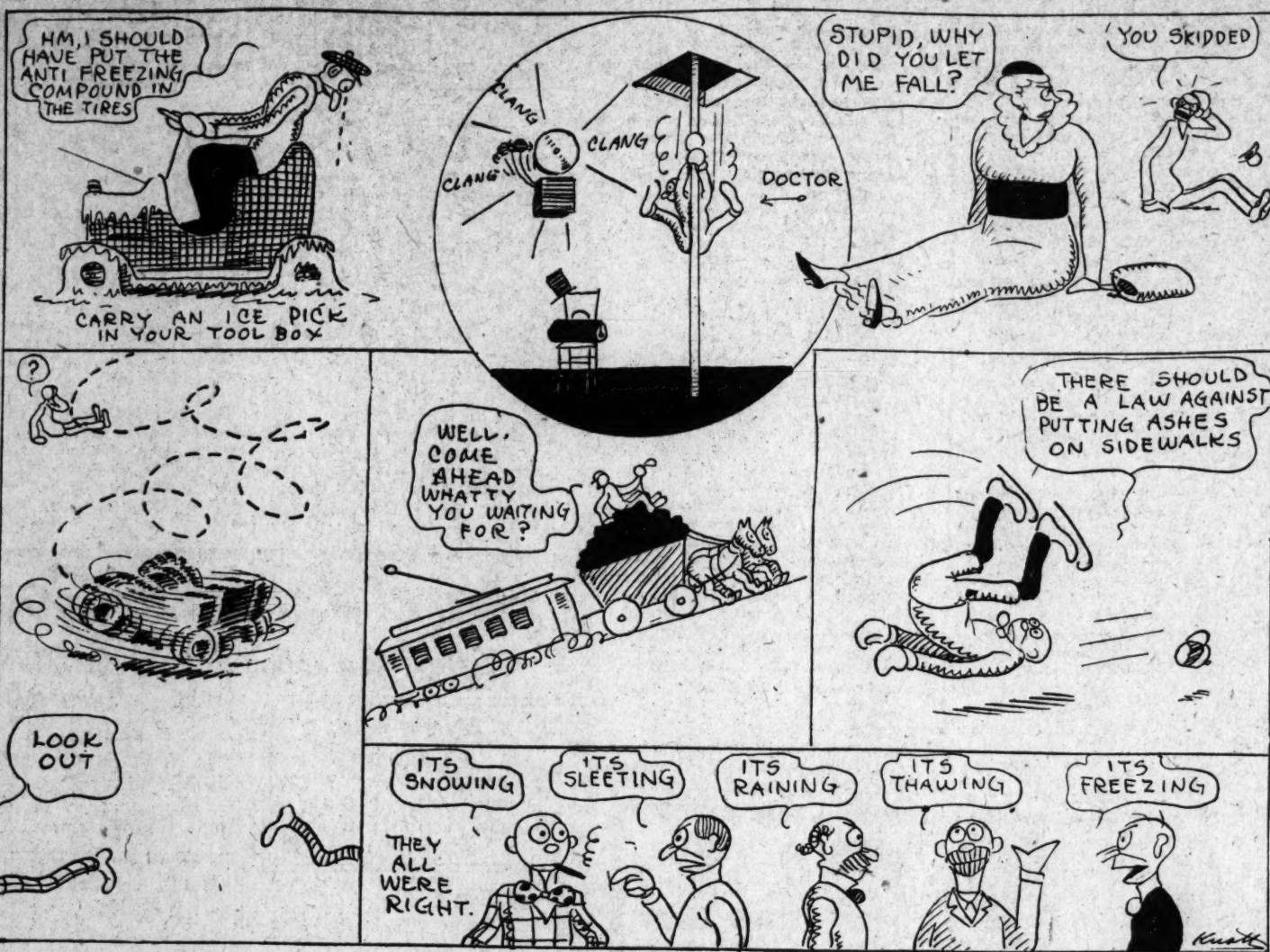
Mrs. Delmar Kelly, a negro, of Fifteenth and Chestnut streets, fell at Walnut street and Leffingwell avenue and fractured her left shoulder.

Joseph Molo, 78 years old, stopping at the Grand Central Hotel, Jefferson avenue and Pine street, fell in front of the hotel and suffered concussion of the brain.

Charles Kincaid, foreman for the United States Lamp Co., Ewing and Clark avenues, fell on the sidewalk in front of the plant. His right hip was fractured.

James Freerhervey, 41 years old, a watchman, living at 225 North Broad-

## On the Ice—



Drawn for the Post-Dispatch by JEAN KNOTT.

way, fell at Second and Branch streets. His right wrist was sprained. Richard Brennan, 34 years old, of 5053 Northland avenue, an express wagon driver, fell on the sidewalk when unloading his wagon at Third and Morgan streets and suffered a fractured skull and concussion of the brain. He was taken to the city hospital.

David Meyer, 12 years old, of 3332 Reber place, a pupil of the Shaw school, 3235 Columbia avenue, fell when skating in the school yard at the noon recess today. His right leg was broken. He was taken home.

Boy Coaster Is Injured When He Collides With Car. George Weber, 7 years old, of 4037 Scanlan place, coasted down a long hill on Camella avenue into a street car on Lee avenue yesterday afternoon, and his right arm was fractured and his right hand crushed.

His sled ran into one of the wheels of the car, but the boy by the time his arm was caught in the wheel succeeded in saving himself from going under it.

The incline on Camella avenue has been a popular coasting place for boys of the neighborhood. It turns into Lee avenue with a further coasting course there. The presence of a car line has made the course a dangerous one.

After the accident police of the Angelica district were ordered to stop coasting on the hill.

Firemen Have Only One Night Run on Slippery Streets. The fire department had only one alarm to respond to last night. The horses found the going rather difficult, but met with no accident.

The fire destroyed the one-story frame cottage of Thomas Tarkonsky, 2631 Thrush avenue, and scorched the home of Henry Heekman at 908 Thrush avenue. The fire occurred at 4:30 this morning from an overheated stove. The families fled into the street.

Sacks Bowed on Horses' Hoofs to Freeze Sluggish. The United Railways Co. had spread along the south side of Laclede avenue from Compton avenue to Ewing avenue, to prevent east-bound teams from becoming stalled on the icy grade and blocking traffic. Some teamsters bound the hoofs of their horses with tacks to prevent them from slipping.

The janitor of the Municipal Courts Building covered the walks and steps around that building with sawdust.

Judge Hogan Reaches Court 25 Minutes Late. Judge Granville Hogan of the Municipal Police Court nearly always rides to work in his automobile. He relied on a Laclede avenue car this morning. He allowed half an hour for the trip from his home at 327 West Pine boulevard, but on the way down the car had to push five coal wagons out of the way and the Judge arrived at court 35 minutes late.

Pool Hall Hours Shortened. SHERMAN, Tex., Dec. 21.—The City Council here has passed an ordinance closing pool halls from 6 p. m. to 7 a. m. on all week days, and from 6 p. m. Saturdays until 7 a. m. Mondays.

Door Broken In, Five Men Arrested in Raid on Athletic Club. The Broadway Athletic Club, located on the second floor at 113 North Sixth street was raided yesterday by the police. Five men were arrested and a large quantity of liquor was confiscated. A charge of selling liquor without a license was placed against the men who were arrested.

When the police heard that the club was operating without a license to sell liquor, they sent a probationary policeman in to buy beer. The policeman says he had no trouble in buying a bottle of beer from Tom W. Stoddard of 225 Cherokee street, a labor agent, who is in charge of the club. Its quarters are in dingy rooms back of his labor agency office. A regular bar is fitted up. The policeman paid for the beer with a marked quarter, which was found in the cash drawer when the place was raided.

The police had to break down the door to get into the club. Besides Stoddard they arrested John W. Coats of 283 St. Louis avenue; William J. Pascoe of 2 North Spring avenue; John Waugh of Sixth and Market streets and William Jackson, negro porter.

The club is being operated on a charter issued in 1912 by an organization which represented to the Secretary of State that its purposes were "to encourage athletics, benevolence and education." The police say that the charter eventually found its way into

## 14 MEN ATTACK PATROLMAN WHO GETS INTO CLUB

"Missouri Boy" Members Arrested When Reinforcements Arrive.

Fourteen grown members of the Missouri Boys' Social Club, 2701 South Ninth street, attacked Patrolman Frank H. Hoener with knives, hammers, pickers and beer glasses while he was leaving their clubroom last night after an investigation. A riot call brought police reinforcements and the 14 men were arrested. Two of them were treated at the city hospital for wounds.

A special police detail had been sent to the club to see that no drinks were sold. Patrolman Hoener and Groth were refused admission and were guarding the doors from the outside. When a member opened the front door with a pass key, Hoener forced his way inside.

Henry Riekman of 3401 South Second street, who was sitting at the door, was knocked over, and the 14 men, including Riekman, attacked the patrolman. They backed him into a corner of the room and began beating him.

Hoener fought the crowd off while Patrolman Groth, who heard the scuffle, summoned more policemen. A sergeant and two additional patrolmen came and broke down the door. Hoener had his revolver free then and was holding the crowd at bay. Several resisted arrest, but were subdued with blows.

Hoener and Riekman and Fred Lindauer of 414 Nesho street were taken to the city hospital. Hoener had scalp wounds. Hoener was later taken to his home in a patrol wagon, and the following men were taken to the police station: Riekman, Lindauer, Frank Vogt, 281 South Ninth street; Robert and John Dougherty, 274 South Eleventh street; Frank Garland, 1119 Wyoming street; Fred Hornfeld, 2300 Gravois avenue; Casper Huber, 1018 Sidney street; William Langley, 377 Lynch street; William O'Neill, 226 Wyoming street; Albert Mascher, 1258 Penn street; Harry Davis, 707 Russell avenue; Frank H. Trebeant, 1104 Lynch street; Emil R. Lessing, 2311 Menard street.

Two weeks ago the club filed a damage suit against Sergt. Charles Stuart of the Wyoming Street District for upsetting a keg of beer in the clubroom.

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## WOMAN, 58, SAID TO HAVE ADMITTED KILLING SPINSTER

Detroit Police Say Miss Francis Bombolt Was Murdered by Visitor Who Sold Bread.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 21.—Mrs. Antoinette Becker, 58 years old, confessed last night, according to the police, that she killed Miss Francis Bombolt, the aged woman who was found beaten to death in her home here last Wednesday. Robbery was the motive. Fifteen dollars which Mrs. Becker told the police she took from a drawer in Miss Bombolt's house, was found concealed in her home.

Mrs. Becker was a daily caller at the home of Miss Bombolt's, to whom she sold bread and pastry.

The policeman who made the arrest said that Wright told him after his arrest that "squirrel whiskey" was the cause of the windows being broken. Wright told the Court that his mind was blank concerning the occurrence.

There are between 5400 and 5500 United Railways employees, any one of whom is eligible to become a stockholder in the loan association. Stock can be purchased outright, or by time payments of a minimum of \$1 a month. The association's funds will be loaned with first mortgages as security, or upon the association's stock.

YOUR BEST GIRL wants a diamond ring. Co. will trust you. 23 floor, 308 N. 6th st.

Kansas City Hippodrome Closed. KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 21.—Talbot's Hippodrome suspended business last night. It may be reopened on Christmas day under lease by George Fowler of Fargo, S. D., who has theatrical interests in Chicago. Joseph R. Donegan, the manager, paid off the actors and the employees, pro-rating the receipts yesterday and Saturday night.

Had \$4000 With Him to Pay \$1 Fine. HASTINGS, Neb., Dec. 21.—A draft for \$329.37, together with currency and checks, bringing the total to nearly \$4000, was found on the person of William J. Kelly, cattleman from Banner County, who was fined \$1 and costs in police court this morning.

## Why Are Ten Tons of Quinine Used Every Year?

This enormous quantity of Quinine alone (representing about 1-30th of all the Quinine produced in the world) is required for the preparation of Laxative Bromo Quinine, Seven Million (7,000,000) Boxes of which are used every year because of its extraordinary merit.

After reading the accompanying label from the box of Laxative Bromo Quinine, telling what it does and how it does it, you can understand why this remedy is used so effectively by so many millions of people. Whenever you feel a cold coming on think of the name Laxative Bromo Quinine.

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## VICTORIA THEATER SAFE BLOWN; MORE THAN \$400 TAKEN

Robbers Believed to Have Hidden in Delmar Boulevard Playhouse During Performance.

The safe of the Victoria Theater, 3621 Delmar boulevard, was blown open some time during last night and more than \$400 stolen. The robbers are believed by the police to have concealed themselves in the theater during the performance in the evening and worked at their leisure on the safe after the negro fireman, Moses Sargent, left the building at 1 o'clock. It could not be found that entrance had been forced. The stage door was standing partly ajar when Sargent reached the building at 7:40 this morning, but it had been opened from the inside.

The safe is in the office at the southeast corner of the building. The outer door was blown off with nitroglycerin and broken in two. The inner door was pried open with an ax, which was found lying on the floor. The cash book and drawers were taken by the robbers, who were taken by Sargent. All the money was taken, but checks for several hundred dollars were left lying on the stage.

Sargent notified Manager W. C. Markham of 3445 Cook avenue. He said, on arriving at the theater, that the safe contained the night's receipts, upwards of \$400.

Markham then called in the police. The door to the office from the auditorium was locked, but the robbers broke it open.

After emptying the cash box and the drawers of the store and separating the money from the checks and other papers, the robbers departed by the stage door.

The Holidays. Are profitable if you use our Facsimile Letters, Mailing Lists, etc. Deems, the Letter Man, 720 Olive st.

BREAKS WINDOWS; FINED \$25. Homeless Man With Paralyzed Arm Said "Squirrel Whiskey" Caused Act.

John W. Wright, a homeless man with a paralyzed left arm, was fined \$25 and costs by Judge Hogan in the Municipal Police Court today for breaking 150 worth of plate glass windows at 613-615 Walnut street with a cane at 2 a. m.

The policeman who made the arrest said that Wright told him after his arrest that "squirrel whiskey" was the cause of the windows being broken. Wright told the Court that his mind was blank concerning the occurrence.

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## DRYS LINING UP HOUSE FORCES FOR VOTE TOMORROW

Rule for 8-Hour Debate on Prohibition Resolution Expected to Be Adopted.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Representative Hobson of Alabama and other supporters of national prohibition were actively at work today lining up their forces for tomorrow's encounter in the House when the rule to take up the Hobson resolution for submission to the states of a constitutional amendment for nation-wide prohibition will be voted upon. This issue overshadows all other questions before Congress during the week.

It was generally believed that the rule would be adopted, as a majority vote only is necessary. The rule provides for eight hours of debate, after which the resolution is to be voted on. By agreement today the House will remain in session tomorrow until the vote on the resolution is reached.

Indications are that the discussion will be spirited. Administration leaders in the House predict that the prohibition resolution will be defeated. A two-thirds vote of the House would be necessary to secure its adoption.

In case the resolution is defeated, Senator Sheppard of Texas will make an effort to get action in the Senate on a similar resolution which he introduced at the last session.

It had been planned to vote immediately afterward on a special rule for a woman's suffrage constitutional amendment, but administration leaders today predicted that there would be no opportunity to take up the question until after the holidays.

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## RAIDERS MAY BE IN ATLANTIC, NAVAL MEN SAY

Washington Strategists Discuss Possible Aftermath of German Visit to England.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Several prominent American naval strategists express the opinion that it is possible that the German warships, which bombarded the English cities of Scarborough, Hartlepool and Whitby, instead of returning to the naval base at Heligoland, have steamed into the Atlantic and now may be on the line of travel between New York and Liverpool. In this connection it is recalled that the German battle cruiser Von der Tann was reported to have got away from Heligoland four weeks ago and to have gone to the South Atlantic.

It is suggested that the raiders after delivering a startling blow on the coast of England may have gone to join the Von der Tann. If such a squadron at sea there is absolutely no way of winning its course. The squadron may be under orders to raid English merchant men trading between the United States and England, or it may be sent to the Pacific Coast through the Strait of Magellan. As the squadron is of the first line of the German navy, it will be very dangerous force to be at large either in the Atlantic or Pacific Oceans.

Churchill Says Germans Risked For Cruiser Fleet in Raid. LONDON, Dec. 21.—A letter to the Mayor of Scarborough from Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, expressing sympathy at the losses suffered in the bombardment by German warships, contains this interesting paragraph:

"Practically the whole of the fleet of the German navy, including some of the most powerful ships to their fleet and utterly irreplaceable have been risked for the passing pleasure of killing as many English people as possible irrespective of sex, age, or condition, in the limited time available."

Germany has six battle cruisers, including two which are not completed. The Derfflinger, a 23,000-ton ship, has eight 12-inch guns. The others are Seydlitz, 23,000 tons, with 10 11-inch guns; Goeben, 23,000 tons and 10 11-inch guns; Von der Tann, 18,000 tons and eight 11-inch guns.

Charged With Bootlegging. SOMERSET, Ky., Dec. 21.—Milton Fields, arrested at Stearns, south here, on a charge of bootlegging, has been taken to Cynthiana by Deputy Marshal Charles Winfield, and is here for the Federal Court.


# Prize One-Step and Prize Waltz Contest

# At Dreamland

# Tomorrow Night

For the Benefit of the Post-Dispatch Christmas Festival Fund

Admission 50c, Which Covers Dancing









**\$20,000 Fire at Benton, Ill.**  
BENTON, Ill., Dec. 21.—Fire yesterday destroyed the Hotel McCree and several adjoining buildings, causing an aggregate damage of about \$20,000. A large amount of mail, including hundreds of Christmas presents, were burned in the postoffice, which occupied part of the lower floor of the hotel.

**Shirts Causes Weaver's Arrest.**  
Dallas, Neunish, a machinist 24 years old, who said he had no home, was on Market street yesterday when two patrolmen noted his shirt was the kind worn by soldiers. The policemen questioned Neunish and he admitted having deserted the army at San Diego, Cal., Dec. 23, 1912. He was arrested.

**Veteran Newspaper Man Dies.**  
NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Henry Clay Craft, 82 years old, a newspaper man, died yesterday at his home in Brooklyn. He was said to have been one of the oldest journalists in the United States and was a personal friend of Abraham Lincoln, Benjamin Harrison, John Sherman and many other famous men.

## FIFTY HOBOES AT SUNDAY SCHOOL IN THE WEST END

Police on Guard When James Eads How Leads Them Into St. John's, Methodist.

With uniformed policemen in front of them, plain-clothes detectives in the rear, and the watchful eye of Chief of Detectives Allender upon them, 50 hoboies, led by James Eads How, attended church and Sunday school yesterday at St. John's Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Washington boulevard and King's highway.

Though the "hobos" were dressed in clothes of the vintage of yesterday, each had scrubbed his face especially for the occasion. They made their appearance just as F. H. Behring of 3006 Waterman avenue opened his adult Bible class. Behring gave a cordial welcome, and devoted the lesson topic, "The Reign of Peace," to them.

At the conclusion of Sunday school How lined them up in six rows on the left side of the church. Chief of Detectives Allender then strode down the aisle, giving them the "once over." Apparently satisfied that they were harmless, he withdrew to the rear of the church. Then two plain-clothes men quietly slipped in and sat three seats to the rear.

Police at the Entrances.  
Outside three policemen patrolled the entrances to the church. When the Rev. Dr. John A. Rice, the pastor, was told that the policemen were outside he said he had not sent for them. He sent word by the janitor that their services were not needed, as he anticipated no trouble. The policemen replied that they "had orders" to be on hand.

Rice then invited them inside to hear the sermon and enjoy the music. Hymns were sung for them.

When Organist Epstein began the musical program the church was filled. In the rear of the hoboies and to their left sat the fashionable congregation. When the first hymn was announced several of the church members found the page in the hymnals and passed them over to the visitors.

Dr. Rice formally announced the presence of the visitors and gave How three minutes to address the congregation. How walked up in front and faced the congregation. "It is fitting that we are here today," said How, "when you remember that this church was founded by John Wesley, who himself many a time was denied the right to preach in the churches of England. All that these men want is work." How then told of the great number of unemployed in the country.

"We are glad to be among you," he continued. "These men hunger for music and song, for poetry and the higher forms of beauty just as you do."

"Say to them," said Dr. Rice in response, "that the congregation of this great church stands ready to extend what aid it can to them. We wish them to feel at perfect liberty to come and use worship and the other things they desire." And then, in a prayer, Dr. Rice said, "Oh, Father, let Thy blessing be upon us, so that we who have may help those who have not."

Following the prayer, Mrs. A. I. Epstein sang a soprano solo. During these few moments many of the men bowed their heads, and one man in the rear gently sobbed.

"The Common Task of Social Adjustment," was the theme upon which Dr. Rice devoted special attention to his visitors. "The question of the 'Eighteenth century,'" he said, "was can Christianity square with human reason? That of the nineteenth, can it square with the findings of science? That of the twentieth, what can Christianity do? Then he explained that the great task confronting the church today was the establishment of a social order, loyal to, and in the fellowship of, God.

While the last hymn was being sung, How led his men out of the church. As the congregation passed out the men "tagged" many of the members, selling them tags at 10 cents each.

SID: Tell me you'll buy the diamond ring on credit at Lott's Box Co., 24 floor, 308 N. 9th st., and we'll be married Christmas.

**MAY 3 MISSOURI DAY AT FAIR**  
Gov. Major Fixes Date for State Celebration at San Francisco.

JEFFERSON CITY, Dec. 21.—In reply to a letter from the management of the Panama-Pacific Exposition, asking him to designate a date as Missouri day, Gov. Major today announced that May 3, 1915, will be celebrated as Missouri day at the exposition.

The governor will visit the fair on that date and conduct exercises appropriate to the occasion.

Oakes Alteration Special.—Beautiful silver-topped Bonbon dish filled with Chocolates or Bonbons, 50c, 512 Locust.

Ald Sent to Leaking Steamer.  
ST. THOMAS, D. W. I., Dec. 21.—The United States revenue cutter Algonquin sailed from St. Thomas yesterday to aid the British steamer Kelvindale, which ran ashore several days ago on Anguilla Reef, on the island of Tortola. The Kelvindale is leaking badly.

Oakes Delicious Bakery Goods. All kinds reasonably priced. Take some home today. Free downtown delivery. 512 Locust.

Mother of Former Governor Deneen Dies.  
CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Mrs. Mary Frances Ashley Deneen, 71 years old, mother of Charles E. Deneen, former Governor of Illinois, died here yesterday. The funeral will be held here Tuesday. The body will be taken to Lebanon for burial.

ROSS-GOULD LIST & LETTER CO.  
296 Guaranteed Mailing Lists. Address the Face-simile Letters. 9th and Locust.

## Appreciated Blouse Gifts at Money-Saving Prices

See Window Display  
mas Boxes  
X On Request

Bedell Blouses Are the Talk of the Town

**Positive \$3 Values**  
Silk Shadow Laces & Velvets \$1.98  
Sand & Putty Crepe de Chines  
Exquisite New Moiré Voiles  
At this price the greatest and finest assortment in the world; the very latest fashion breaths; the very loveliest new fancies. Every color and size.

**Unduplicated Under \$4 Anywhere**  
Gauzy Painted Silk Chiffons \$2.98  
Braid Bound Silk Foam Laces  
Arabian Striped Willow Silks  
Perfect "loves" of blouse—dainty, exquisite; the smartest vogue manipulations in tailor and fluff mold. Delight yourself or your friend with one of them. All sizes.

**Warranted \$5 Values**  
Gold Laces over Silk Chiffons \$3.98  
Princess & Froth Laces Combined  
Lovely Pussy Willow Taffetas  
Blouses embodying an intrinsic worth far above the very lowly price marked for this sale; showing the most exclusive of modes in finest new fabrics. Every newest shade. Regular and extra sizes.

Blouses, \$4.98

**Bedell**  
Washington Av., Cor. 7th Street, St. Louis  
SALE AT ST. LOUIS STORE

Tomorrow  
Jewels of Radium Willow Silks,  
why Film Laces and Chiffons  
other exquisite fabrics, ex-  
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es. All sizes.

**\$8 Creations, \$5.98**  
One-Day Sale  
The super-excellence of quality; the final conception of beauty; the last thought in mode; these express but inadequately the perfection of these blouse visions. Gifts ideal!

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## Aeolian Christmas Offer of Victrolas

Here, at Talking Machine Headquarters, you may have a \$100 machine of either Columbia or Victor make, just as you wish, together with all the records listed below on the special terms quoted. Or you may have any other Talking Machine produced by either of these companies on equally attractive terms for Christmas delivery.

California and you  
On the Banks of the Brandywine  
Sympathy from "The Firefly"  
Swanee Ripples Rag—One-Step  
Love's Rejection from "The Beauty Shop"  
Dancing Girl of Mine from "Shamane"  
Gems from "The Passing Show of 1914"  
Broadway Favorites—By Victor Light Opera Co.  
The High Cost of Loving  
Just for Te-Night  
Ballett from "Lucia"  
Barcarolle from "Tales of Hoffmann"  
Intermezzo from "Cavalleria Rusticana"  
I Want to Go Back to Michigan  
At the Mississippi Cabaret  
Mills the Jack-Rabbit  
Meadowbrook Fox-Trot  
Gems from "The Little Cafe"  
Gems from the "Purple Road"  
Evolving Chimes—Viola, Flute, Harp, with Bell  
Woodland Echoes—Viola, Flute, Harp, with Bell  
Adagio in the Deep



\$100 Machine

The Talking Machine illustrated above, together with all the records listed at the left, delivered to your home any time up to Christmas Eve for only \$125.

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Open Evenings Until Christmas.  
1004 Olive Street

## The Christmas Store for Everyone

### Thousands of Sure-to-Please Christmas Gifts—Every Help for the Late Shoppers



**GIFT CERTIFICATE**  
If you entertain the least doubt. The recipient will appreciate the privilege of selecting his or her own gift—and at any time.  
On sale at all Exchange Dealers throughout the store, for any amount desired.

**Shop Early Column**  
\$7.50 to \$8.50  
**Padded Robes**  
Our entire line of plain and embroidered Padded Robes, in a variety of colors and all sizes. Regularly \$7.50 to \$8.50. Robes—until 11 o'clock. (Second Floor.)

**50c Gauntlets**  
Boys' fleece-lined tan Gauntlets—Gloves in all sizes—50c grade—until 11 o'clock—pair. (Main Floor.)

**25c Notions**  
Empty Sewing Baskets, Needle Books, Spool Holders and many other useful notions. Items. Until 11 o'clock. (Main Floor.)

**50c Elastic Garters**  
Women's fancy-frilled Elastic Garters, in an assortment of colors. Each pair in Christmas box. Until 11 o'clock. (Main Floor.)

**25c Handkerchiefs**  
Batiste Handkerchiefs, trimmed with real Princess lace and incrimated with little Oriental medallions. Special until 11 o'clock. (Main Floor.)

### Fresh Christmas Candies Here of Very Best and Purest Ingredients

You will surely want Candies for Christmas, for gifts, or for the little ones at home—and surely you will want pure candy as well as delicious.

Buy your Christmas Candy here. We make it fresh every hour, and only in quantities enough to last a short while—no large stocks of Candies to carry over from day to day.

"Sure Pure" Candies, packed ready to take with you—no waiting—each box neatly wrapped and tied.

**Three-Pound Christmas Boxes, \$1**  
A beautiful Holiday box filled with our best 40c and 50c Candies, Fruits and Violets—special, 8 pounds \$1

"Supreme" Chocolates—assorted, and packed in 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5-lb. boxes—at  
Mixed Candies, Chocolates, Bonbons, Caramels, in 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5-lb. boxes.  
Assorted Wrapped Caramels, 25c lb.  
Pure Sugar Sticks, 20c lb.  
Special at 30c lb.  
Burnt Almonds, 30c lb.  
Cream Almonds, 30c lb.  
Assorted Nut Taffies or Brittle, special at 25c lb.  
French Mixed, 15c lb.  
Broken Mixed, 10c lb.  
Woodlawn Goodies—assorted, special at 40c lb.

**In Time for the Benefit of Late Holiday Shoppers**

**A Close-Out of Odd Lines Women's House Slippers**  
Regularly \$1.29 to \$2.50 Pair

**98c Pr.**  
THESE are odd lines from our regular \$1.29 to \$2.50 stocks of fancy silk, satin and felt House Slippers, including all the various holiday styles and colors, and you may choose any pair in the entire assortment at the special close-out price of 98c pair

**Imported Japanese Boudoir Slippers**  
Dainty novelty Boudoir Slippers, made of imported Japanese silk, beautifully hand embroidered or hand painted, in a variety of pretty pastel shades, and each pair neatly packed in fancy Christmas box. Regular \$1 quality, special tomorrow, pair 49c (Main Floor.)

### Gifts in Boys' Furnishings

**Boys' \$1.25 Shirts, 75c**  
Boys' Shirts, made of madras and solette, mushroom pleated and plain bosom, usually \$1.25.

**Boys' \$1 Blouses, 55c**  
Boys' Blouses, made of solette, collars attached or detached. Usually \$1.

**Boys' 50c Sleepers, 35c**  
Boys' Sleepers, made of flannel, in pink and blue. Sizes 4 to 12 years. Usually 50c.

**Boys' 50c Ties, 35c**  
Boys' Silk Ties, open end, in the latest styles and shades. Usually 50c, 55c, \$1 for \$1 (Second Floor.)



**Four-in-Hand Tie in Japanese Box**  
Special at 19c  
Open-end Four-in-Hand Ties of silk poplin, in all the popular solid colors—each in neat lacquered Japanese box. Just a limited quantity of these gift novelties to sell at 19c each (Main Floor.)

**Special Christmas Sale Music Rolls**  
Choose any new 88-note Q. R. S. Roll at One Half Off  
Choice of any soiled roll at a discount Of 60% Off  
Any 75c roll until Christmas, 38c (Fourth Floor.)

## Basement Red Letter Day Gift Suggestions

**\$40 Black Russian Pony Coats, \$12.75**  
Made of fine flat skins. These are coats that sold regularly for \$40, but we have marked them as specials for Red Letter Day at \$12.75. Only five coats in the lot, so early shopping is advisable.

**Women's \$35 Fur-Lined Coats, \$12.75**  
Made of fine black broadcloth shells—lined throughout, with sable-dyed suslik fur, with black marten or blond mink collar. Regular \$35 Coats—marked special for Red Letter Day at \$12.75. Only six of these coats to sell at this price.

**\$7 Black French Coney Sets, \$3.95**  
Come in shawl and animal-shaped neckpieces, with flat pillow muffs to match. Regular \$7 sets—marked special at \$3.95 (Fur Section, Basement.)

**Young Men's & Boys' Sweater Coats**  
25c Gloves, 10c Pr.  
75c to \$1.50 Grade 39c  
Odds and ends from recent Sweater sales, as well as new lots, in medium and heavy weights—V-neck and Byron collar—colors navy, gray, tan, green and maroon—assorted sizes. (Basement.)

**Gloves For Xmas Gifts**  
25c Gloves, 10c Pr.  
Children's Knitted Gloves and Mittens, in white and all colors—25c grades—at, pair, 10c  
89c Kid Gloves, 50c Pr.  
Women's Kid Gloves—light and heavy weight—in black and colors—89c kinds—pair, 50c  
75c Gloves, 50c Pr.  
Children's Kid Gloves, in tan, with warm fleece lining—regularly 75c—at, pair, 50c (Basement.)



**4000 Pairs Men's, Women's and Children's Rubbers**  
65c to \$1.00 grades, at 37c Pr. (Basement.)

**STIX, BAER & FULLER D.G. CO. GRAND-LEADER**  
Entire Block—Sixth, Washington, Seventh and Lucas

### Handkerchiefs for Xmas Gifts

**In Profusion—Basement Handkerchief Store**

**Handkerchiefs, 3 for 25c**  
Women's Handkerchiefs, of fine quality emerald lawn, with dainty one-corner embroidered effects. Three patterns to the box—at 25c  
**Handkerchiefs, 6 for 29c**  
Women's Handkerchiefs, of cambric, with script as well as block letters—surrounded by wreath, six in box, 29c (Basement.)

**Handkerchiefs, 50 Each**  
Men's fine quality soft finished cambric—full size and neatly hemmed. Plain or with openwork block initial, 50c ea.  
**Handkerchiefs, 10c Box**  
Children's Handkerchiefs, in a large and varied assortment, of cambric, two and three in novelty box, 10c (Basement.)

**Jap Silks**  
Jap Silks, in all solid colors, as well as black—woven figures—special for Red Letter Day at the yard, 12c  
**Robe Blankets**  
In fancy woven designs—navy, gray and brown—enough for bath or lounging robe—cords to match, 1.75 (Basement.)

### Special for Red Letter Day in the Basement Women's and Misses' Dresses

**The Kind Usually Priced \$6.98 to \$8.98 Choice, \$2.98**

Charming Dresses for women and misses, in the best styles, of corduroy, messaline, serge, in navy, green, brown, cardinal and black.  
Some have tunics in pleated or plain styles, others trimmed with sash, lace or organdie collars, buttons and other effects. Sizes 14 years to 44-inch bust measurement.

**Winter Coats, \$3.98**  
Usually \$5 to \$7.50

Warm Winter Coats in three-quarter, seven-eighths and full length, in belted and yoke styles, others plain. Materials are chinchilla, boucles, kerseys, Tibbets and novelty cloths. All colors and black. Sizes 14 years to 44-inch bust measurement.





## INTRUDER'S SKULL FRACTURED

Watchman His Man With Poken  
When He Resists Outraged.  
William Zwickey, night watchman for the Pfeiffer Express Co., found a man asleep in the company's office, 511 Spruce street, when he went on duty last night. The man refused to leave, saying he had permission from the day watchman to sleep there. When Zwickey attempted to eject him he resisted and was struck on the head with a poker. He was taken to the city hospital, where it was found his skull was fractured.

## FALLING WINDOW KILLS GIRL

Pupil Was Entering School Building  
When Caught.  
SAVANNAH, Mo., Dec. 21.—When Fred Knochenhoffer called at the Lidget school, five miles west of here, yesterday, for his 13-year-old daughter, he found her dead with a window fallen on her neck.  
It was a custom among the pupils to enter the school building through a window to procure books from the library when school was not in session.

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By wire from the Washington Bureau of the Post-Dispatch.  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Contrary to expectation, today, when the nomination of Ewing C. Bland of Kansas City to be Marshal for the Western District of Missouri came up in the Senate, the matter was laid over. Indications had pointed to a rejection of Bland's nomination on a motion by Senator Reed, and the recording of another chapter in the situation which has arisen in the relations between President Wilson and the Democratic membership of the upper house.

The potency of the argument that the Senate is fighting for a constitutional right pervades the entire body. Within a week two men nominated for Federal office by the President in opposition to the wishes of Democratic Senators have been rejected by unanimous vote. They are John D. Lynn, appointed United States District Attorney for the Western District of New York, and W. N. Collins, appointed postmaster at Kansas City. Not a friend of President Wilson raised his voice against the motions to reject. That "senatorial courtesy" which decrees that a nomination made by the Executive against the "advice and consent" of a Senator or the Senators in whose home section of the state the nominee resides shall not be confirmed, has been upheld in an emphatic way. Further, it is expected that before Congress takes a recess for the holidays, next Wednesday, the nomination of George Hampton of New Jersey to be Collector of Internal Revenue for the Camden District, will be rejected on motion of Senator Martine of that State, who owes his election to the Senate mainly to the efforts of Woodrow Wilson.

In Cleveland's Position.  
President Wilson finds himself in the position of his Democratic predecessor in the White House, Grover Cleveland, who maintained that it was the right of the executive to make his own selections for office and that the "advice and consent" privilege of the Senate, set forth in the Federal Constitution, applied to a whole and did not confer on individual Senators the power of determining in advance who should be the recipients of the executive's favor in the bestowal of political patronage. But the Senate takes the other view—no doubt of the recipient's personal satisfaction.

The score is in favor of the Senate, for usually the President has been the loser. A notable exception was President Garfield, who forced the confirmation of a Collector of the Port of New York over the vigorous protests of Senators Platt and Conkling. Piqued by the result, the two Senators resigned. Platt subsequently was re-elected by the Republican machine of New York, but Conkling stayed out.

In his American History President Wilson plainly shows his sympathies were with President Garfield against the Senate ring.

President Wilson's Stand.  
All the information obtainable from administration sources as to the President's intentions indicate that he will retain in office the men whose names the Senate rejected. Understanding that this is the President's purpose has not improved the temper of Senators. Some of them contend that such retention will be a direct violation of the Constitution and the laws of the United States. One law on the subject is held to be particularly applicable to the case of Bland. This law, which is section 791 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, says that no money shall be paid out of the Treasury as salary to any Federal appointee whose nomination was rejected by the Senate, provided the vacancy to which this person was appointed occurred while the Senate was in session.

Administration officials have said flatly that Bland would be continued in office under the authority of the recess commission given to him by the President and that when the Senate adjourned by constitutional limitation on March 4, 1915, Bland's tenure would be renewed by the issuance of another commission.

Data on Bland's Status.  
By direction of the Judiciary Committee, Senator Culberson, its chairman, wrote to Attorney-General Gregory for official data as to the status of Bland. In reply, the Attorney-General said that a vacancy in the office of United States Marshal for the Western District of Missouri occurred on Feb. 18, 1914; that the Federal Court for that district designated an officer to perform the duties of Marshal temporarily, and that the official vacancy had existed until Dec. 3, when the President, holding that the office had been vacant long enough, had given a recess appointment to Bland and had subsequently sent his nomination to the Senate.

The Senate was in session on Feb. 18, 1914, when the vacancy in the office of Marshal occurred. On Dec. 3, 17 days ago, when a recess commission was given to Bland, the Senate, which had adjourned in October, had not assembled for the winter session. It did not meet until Dec. 7. Senators contend that the statute appears to apply to Bland's case. While it is not clear that the statute excludes him from holding office, these Senators hold that it seems to declare unequivocally that he shall not draw

any compensation from the Treasury for his services.  
Nothing has developed to indicate what attitude the Senate will adopt if persons whose nominations are rejected by the Senate are continued in office under the authority of the recess commissions.

Bury Bee Candles for Christmas.  
No Candles Like Bury Bee Candles.

\$1510 in Checks and Money Gone.  
Mrs. Anna Engler of 229 Dover street reported to the police yesterday she missed a bill folder containing certified checks for \$1400 and \$110 in currency from her home.

## HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS WILL SEE WEEKLY BOXING BOUTS

Boston Authorities Refuse to Bar Them From Exhibitions Despite Parents' Protests.

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—Girl students in the Waltham High School are to be spectators at boxing and wrestling bouts weekly in the school gymnasium, in spite of a storm of protests from parents.

Starting with the new term in January, bouts will be held every Friday afternoon among boy students. The protest came before the School Committee, but no action was taken.

## BUSINESS MEN TURN NEWSBOY

DETROIT, Dec. 21.—More than seven hundred business and professional men of Detroit, who once were newsboys, today resumed their youthful occupation, raising money to be devoted to Christmas charity. Headed by James A. Brady, Collector of Internal Revenue in this district, the men were detailed to their street corners, where they sold their papers thirty or forty years ago.

In order that the regular boys should have nothing, plans were made to purchase papers from them at the customary retail rates.

DEAR NORA: I dreamed I gave you a diamond from Louis Bros. & Co. the National Credit Jewelers, 24 floor, 300 N. 3rd st., and we went to old Erin on our honeymoon. Let's make the dream come true.

# Kline's

509 Washington Av., Near Broadway

## A Timely Sale of Fine Furs

Coats, Sets and Separate Muffs Priced Much Below Value

Russian Pony Coats	Near-Seal Coats
Made in the new flared models, with pony belts that can be worn in front or back—trimmed with Civet Cat or Skunk-Raccoon collar—lined with guaranteed silk—excellent \$125.00 value—special at...	40 inches long—in the new belt and other late models—trimmed with Fitch, Civet Cat or Skunk collar—lined with fine quality broadcloth—regular \$75.00 value—special at...
<b>\$25.00</b>	<b>\$55.00</b>

Matched Fur Sets	Separate Muffs
All Kline Furs Are Fully Guaranteed.	Values Priced.
Natural Wolf Sets \$16.50 \$10.75	Brown or Black Coats \$5.00 \$3.50
Azure Lynx Sets \$15.50 \$10.75	Black Azure Lynx Coats \$5.00 \$3.50
Mink Lynx Sets \$12.75 \$10.75	Black Wolf Muffs \$8.00 \$5.95
Red Fox Sets \$12.50 \$10.75	Extra Large Natural Muffs \$15.00 \$12.75
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## PIANO SOLOIST AT 'POP' CONCERT

Enrique Jimenez, a champion pianist, having won first prize in a recent all-American piano-playing contest in Chicago, was the soloist at yesterday afternoon's popular concert of the Symphony Orchestra at the Odeon. In Weber's "Concert-Stueck for Piano, Opus 72," he proved himself a performer of extraordinary proficiency, with a boyish modesty and earnestness which added an

engaging personal quality to his playing. During a few preliminary moments of diffidence, his tone production seemed constrained and stilted, but this rigidity soon melted into a limply flowing style, in which his scale passages were noticeable for fluency and elegance. He declaimed the "March" in the composition with spirited eloquence. His encore was Liszt's "Liebestraum," which he made a shy love song rather than a poem of swooning languor.

The orchestra gave a program of fine distinction, creditable to the public taste

to which Director Max Zach could confidently offer it. The range was from the massive tonalities of Wagner's "Flying Dutchman" overture to the bizarre novelties of the "Dance of the Camorrista," from Wolf-Ferrari's "Jewels of the Madonna," from Rubenstein's exotic ballet music in the opera "Farrars" to Debussy's graceful overture to "Le Roi d'Yvetot." In all these versatile moods the musicians were easily at home. The concert closed with a striking reading of Komatz's "Badner Maedl'n" waits.

## "PASSING OF HANS DIPPEL" TIRESOME AND FAULTY PLAY

Audience Suffers So Acutely That Last Curtain Seems Best Feature of Drama.

## PLAYGOERS' GUIDE.

"Passing of Hans Dippel," with John Salnopolis. Olympic. Weak and badly constructed play, giving company scant opportunity to interest its audience.

McIntyre and Heath in "The Ham Tree." Shubert. Popular minstrel musical comedy, presenting stars in familiar face roles of much fun-making appeal. Well produced.

"The Hoosier." American. Return engagement of strong heart-interest drama, its central figure a devoted priest, telling story of domestic disaster averted by a husband's upliftment to life's rightful living.

"Officer 666." Park. Successful farce-melodrama of a young millionaire's adventures with an audacious burglar who impersonates him and woos a society girl in his name.

"The Gingerbread Man." Shubert. Excellent production of Christmas musical comedy with Santa Claus and Mother Goose characters in its cast.

Vaudeville. Columbia. Bill headed by John Hyams and Lella McIntyre in "The Quakeress."

Vaudeville. Grand. Bill headed by Alfred the Great, wonderful trained chimpanzee.

Vaudeville. Hippodrome. Bill headed by Pollard Opera Co. of 16 singers in operatic numbers.

"The Winning Widow." Princess. Extravaganza and vaudeville.

"The Broadway Girls." Standard. Burlesque and vaudeville.

"The Jolly Widows." Gayety. Burlesque and vaudeville.

Belgian War Pictures. Garrick. Graphic moving views of thrilling battle scenes, destruction of cities, flight of refugees and other incidents of the bloody conflict on Belgium's soil. Photographs taken by special permission of Belgian Government. Now being shown from 11 a. m. to 11 p. m. daily for benefit of Post-Dispatch Christmas Festival Fund.

Photoplays. New Grand Central. "As You Sow," by the late Rev. John Snyder of St. Louis, today and tomorrow, beginning Wednesday, Alice Joyce and Guy Coombs in "School for Scandal."

Photoplays. Strand. First-run films, changing daily.

Photoplays. West End Lyric. William Farnum in "The Sign of the Cross."

By RIPLEY D. SAUNDERS.

F. Shakespeare himself would be unfortunate as to have to sit through a performance of "The Passing of Hans Dippel," he might well paraphrase his own King Lear lines and groan in exceeding weariness of soul—"Oh, let him pass—He hates his life as the white swart upon the black of this tough play, stretch him—and us—out longer."

This is because "The Passing of Hans Dippel," which began a week's engagement at the Olympic Theater last night, is accomplished with so much suffering, both to Hans and his audience, that the fall of the last curtain comes as a blessed relief, and the consequent escape into even as bleak and blizzard a night as was last night is a consummation devoutly to be wished.

Poor old Hans himself, a homely German "gast-haus" Boniface of the ancient tavern-keeper type, is condemned to unnumbered woes of persecution as the martyr-figure of an intended preachment against prohibition which overshoots its mark.

He is not alone in his anguish, however. The play's construction is so faulty and its story so lacking in anything like a consistent appeal to one's sympathies that, with the best will in the world, one becomes unaccountably bored and, finally, the house's anguish assumes a poignancy keener than Hans' own—and then, of course, the literal "Passing of Hans Dippel" is welcomed with an almost malicious delight.

This, too, whether or not one believes in prohibition and indorses or condemns the popular verdict at the polls that made Hans Dippel's county "go dry" and thus ruined Hans' business and placed him at the mercy of Patrick Murphy, his Irish competitor, who was more than willing to conduct a "blind pig" grogery in defiance of the county's dryness.

It's the structural weakness of the play itself, its flimsiness and all too obvious "frame-up" of a case in poor old Dippel's behalf that dums playwright John Valentine's work. Stupidity in the marshaling of its argument, not the argument itself, is the play's unpardonable sin.

With John Salnopolis doing his best as Hans Dippel, a company worthy of better things rallies around him as the "forlorn hope" engaged in a vain attempt to storm the citadel of theatrical success.

Frederick Lewis, for so many brilliant seasons the admirable leading man with Sothern and Marlowe, is a member of the cast, playing the role of the drunkard son of a prohibition preacher.

Harry Harwood, too, an excellent actor, is in the alignment, depicting the unlovely character of Patrick Murphy, the Irish dive keeper presented as the evil antithesis of the good old German beer garden proprietor.

And there are other worthy players to be seen and heard—but what's the use? "The Passing of Hans Dippel" is their passing also—for the time being.

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## SALOON PORTER SHOTS SELF

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Laclede and Compton avenues, shot himself in the right temple this morning in his room at 4 North Compton avenue. He is in the city hospital and is not expected to recover.

The sound of breaking glass in the window of Tommetti's third-floor room aroused others in the house, who had not heard the three shots which, from the appearance of the revolver, the man had fired. It is supposed that he fell against the window, or possibly that he tried to hurt himself out. One of the bullets was found in the floor. The re-

volver was one which he had taken from the saloon. New Year Eve at Majestic Hotel. Reserve your table now, as only a limited number will be accommodated. Table D'Hote, Music, Cabaret.

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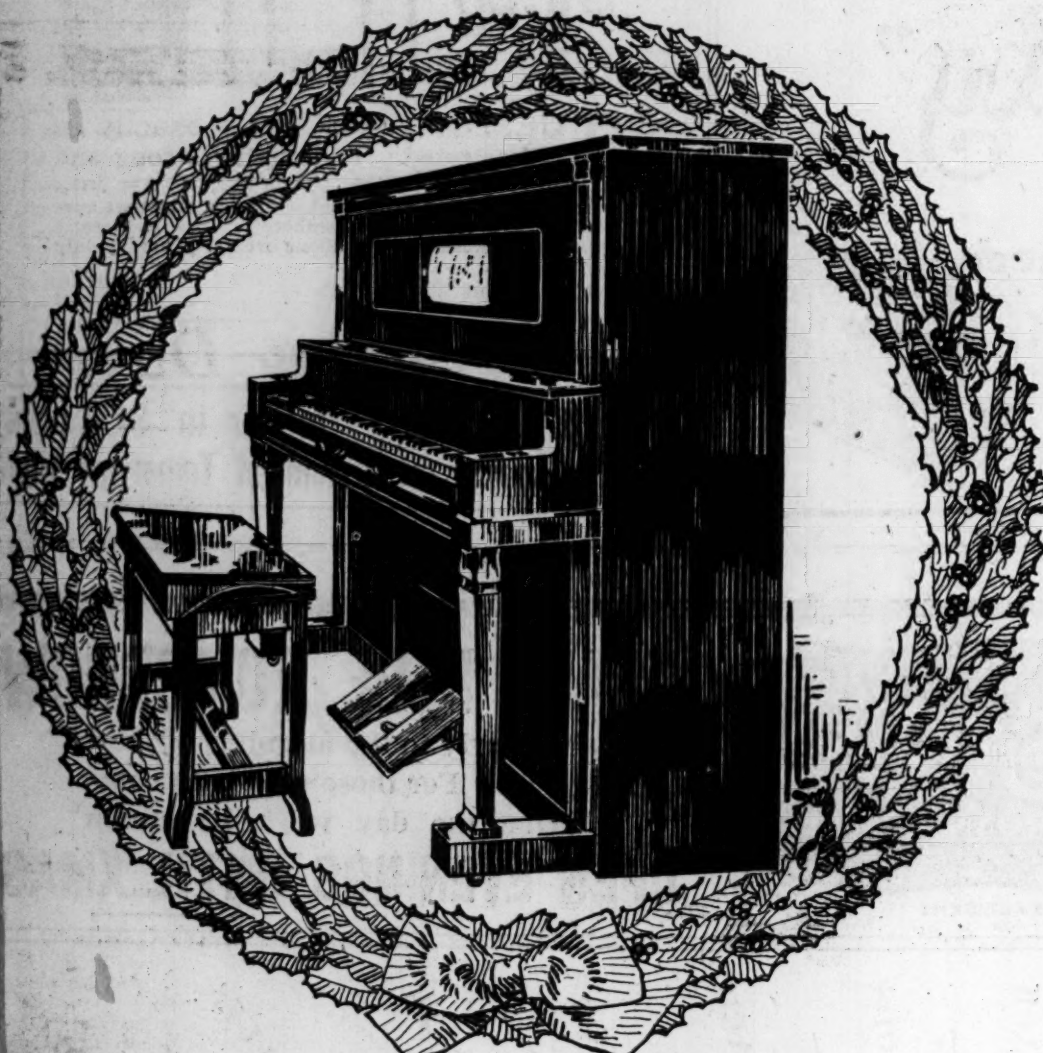
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## FOOD TAKEN TO BESIEGED MEN IN SCHOOL BUILDING

Nonunion Plumber Gets by  
Lines of Watchman and Re-  
lieves One Workman.

Reinforcements came this morning to Michael Morty and Emil Meyers, non-union plumbers, who had been under siege for 72 hours in the new Grover Cleveland High School, in Carondelet. James Gallagher, a member of the firm which employs Morty and Meyers, got into the building before daylight, in spite of the night watchman's efforts to keep anyone from entering. He carried provisions and blankets, and he told the men that one of them could go home. It was decided that Morty, being the elder of the two, should return to his family, and he walked out of the front door, not to return if the watchman and the union contractor now in charge of the building can prevent it.

As was told in yesterday's Post-Dispatch, the two plumbers have been under siege since Friday. For three nights they have lain, wrapped in blankets, on the cold concrete floor, and have tried to sleep while the watchman, on his frequent rounds, has bawled his "two o'clock and all's well" into their ears. Their position was further rendered uncomfortable by the opening yesterday of skylights, causing freezing blasts to blow on them. Last night they got so cold that they fell back on the engine room, where they smoked on a couple until the watchman discovered them and ordered them away.

Morty and Meyers were put at work in the school building by the A. J. Gallagher plumbing firm, which is not on a union basis. When the general contractor, Wall Bros., assigned their contract to Charles A. Leary, an order went out that the work should be unionized, and Gallagher was notified to take the men away. He refused and ordered them to stay "on the job," which they did.

Watchman Puts Out Campfires. The men had a supply of canned goods, and two blankets for each, laid in when the siege was first threatened. They have built fires on the concrete floor, as a means of keeping warm and heating their food, but the watchman has put out these campfires as fast as he has discovered them.

When A. J. Gallagher, contractor, called at the building this morning, admittance was refused to him. A Post-Dispatch reporter, whose request for admittance was also refused, talked to James Gallagher and Meyers through a rear door, and both said they were prepared to remain in the building indefinitely. A. J. Gallagher said he would make a demand on R. M. Milligan, Building Commissioner for the Board of Education, that he be admitted, as he says he is interested in other contracts not subject to the general contractor.

Stove, Range and Furnace Repairs. A. B. Bratter Supply Co., 316 N. 2d St.

H. C. Hall to Be Reappointed. WASHINGTON, Dec. 21—President Wilson, it was learned today, plans to reappoint Henry Clay Hall of Colorado Springs, member of the Interstate Commerce Commission. Mr. Hall's term expires Jan. 1.

Busy Bee Candles for Christmas. No Candles like Busy Bee Candles.

Robbed of \$4 and His Watch. Edward Costello, a bartender, giving his address as 3811 Lindell boulevard, told the police two men robbed him of his watch and \$4 at Grand avenue and Market street about 3 o'clock this morning.

Have you infants and children in the family? Union Dairy Certified Milk is recommended by physicians for baby feeding.

### Pure-Beyond All Doubt

Tests for quality and purity are being constantly carried on in our laboratories by a staff of expert chemists and bacteriologists. Nothing unwholesome or inferior slips by them.

Every cow in our sanitary dairies is regularly examined. None but unqualifiedly healthy cows can pass this rigid examination.

These tests and inspections, and the care with which the milk is handled, are your assurance that the milk is absolutely pure. Our appliances for handling the milk—from cows to you—are the most modern and sanitary that science can produce—that money can buy.

As to richness—test that yourself. Simply let the bottle stand—then note the deep layer of rich, delicious cream that rises to the top.

A Telephone Call will start Union Dairy Co. service at your home. Wagons everywhere—in charge of intelligent and courteous drivers.

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Handsome mahogany case, 8-day, hour and half-hour strike on cathedral gong, priced at \$25.00  
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Richly decorated in green, red and gold with coin gold handles. \$57.00



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The Gross Chandler Co., list No. 10008.  
E. L. Gross, 100 E. 10th St.  
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Employees L. & N. R. Co., Broadway  
Sta., list No. 1783.  
W. J. Dumas, 100 E. 10th St.  
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St. Louis Chapter No. 8, Royal Arch  
Masons, list No. 11,000.  
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22 POUNDS FOR \$1.00.  
Best Eastern Granulated Sugar. Buy your holiday nuts at Coulter's. All new fancy, mixed nuts, 5 pounds for \$1. Fresh roasted Jumbo peanuts, 10 cents per pound. Coulter's best coffee, 3 pounds for \$1. Sugar sold with 11 other goods. Geo. Coulter & Co., 4 S. Broadway, near Market at Bell, Main 2552; Kinloch, Central 2595.

BURIAL PERMITS.  
Marguerite Wehling, 78, 2223 Monticourt; heart disease.  
J. F. F. 74, 714 Washington; nephritis.  
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Solid Gold Wedding Rings, \$3 to \$20.  
JACARD'S, Broadway, cor. Locust.

BIRTHS RECORDED.  
L. and S. Bruce, 5115 Wilson; boy.  
G. and L. Dragostino, 5115 Wilson; boy.  
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## Society

FORMAL announcement was made today of the engagement of Miss Katherine Gatch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elias S. Gatch of 1906 Westminister place, and Lockwood Hill, at a luncheon given by Mrs. Gatch. The marriage will be one of the important ones of the season and will probably be at Easter 1915.

Miss Gatch is one of the belles of the fashionable set, she is one of several girls whose popularity has continued since their debut years, three seasons ago, and without whom no social function was complete, whether for dowager or debutante.

Mr. Hill is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Walker Hill. He is a graduate of Cornell and is a member of the University and Country Clubs.

Two performances of an ancient miracle play, "Easter Heart," as revised and presented by a group of distinguished patrons at Lincoln's Inn, London, will be given by Soldan High School pupils under the direction of Miss Jennie M. A. Jones, Wednesday evening. Pastoral music, chimes, and Bach's oration, by the school orchestra, will accompany the scenes. Carols and hymns will be sung by the boys. The students of the various departments of the school have joined in studying and manufacturing costumes, properties and settings that will reproduce as far as may be the primitive period of the play.

One of the gayest weeks on the calendar will start with a dance at the Woman's Club given by Mr. and Mrs. William Samuel McChesney Jr. for their daughter, Miss Martha McChesney, who is home from Vassar College for Christmas.

The guests will include the college set and a few of the debutantes.

Mrs. Carlton Massick of 400 Maryland avenue will give a dance this evening in honor of her cousin, Miss Margaret Sennensy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Sennensy of 5783 Clemens avenue, who is one of the season's buds.

The Pipe and Mug Club will give the second dance of the season this evening at the Woman's Club.

Miss Alice Prendergast gave a luncheon today at her residence, 6157 Wagner place, to announce the engagement of Miss Edith Bowlin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Bowlin of 929 Maple place, and Oliver W. Doon. There were eighteen guests.

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Castle Burned, Three Women Die.  
GLASGOW, Dec. 21.—Herbertshire Castle, an historic old feudal building at Denny, seven miles from Stirling, owned by C. W. Forbes, was destroyed by fire Sunday. Three young women guests were burned to death. Many valuable paintings were lost.

ED. Come on over to Lott's Bros., 31 floor, 508 N. 8th st. and buy my Christmas gift—a diamond ring, on easy credit terms.

Dressed Pig Causes Arrest.  
William Barth, a tailor, living at 1207 Chestnut street, was arrested at Twelfth street and Chouteau avenue this morning, when a policeman found him carrying a dressed pig on his shoulder. Barth said he found it on the street, the police reported.

Buy Bee Candles for Christmas.  
No Candles like Busy Bee Candles.

**LARD**  
Best & Purest, U. S. Inspected, Clean, White, None finer.  
Bring your pail.....

**GRAPE FRUIT**  
Large 64 size, Kroger cuts the price, lowest figure of the year.....

**ORANGES**  
Fancy Florida, good size, sound, juicy; per dozen.....  
**APPLES**  
Sound, juicy; per dozen.....  
**Celery**  
Extra fancy; per bunch.....

**Cinnamon**  
Ground, purest, full strength; per pound.....  
**Xmas Tree Candles**  
Toy Cable, all colors, 4 to box; all colors.....

**CHRISTMAS CANDIES**  
Made fresh and guaranteed pure.  
**French Creams**  
Baby Roll, Crystal Cut  
**Dainty Delights**  
**Kindergarten Mixed**  
**Jumbo Jellies**  
**Boston Peanut**

**Chocolate Creams**  
Cocoanut Bonbons  
**Chocolate Chips**  
Superfine Hand-Made Candy

**A box 60c CHOCOLATES**  
Very highest quality, delicious, rich chocolate; each candy individually wrapped.  
**CHERRIES**  
Hotchkiss Glass Jar; label brand; fine fruit in syrup; 24c  
**FANCY LAYER FIGS**  
Crown size; finest packed; best pound.....

**Fancy Citron**  
Gold Currants  
Simon Codfish  
Holland Herring  
Canned Herring  
OLGA HERRING  
RED SALMON  
NAPTHA SOAP  
TOILET PAPER

**Fresh Oysters**  
Holiday Cigars  
PUMPKIN  
FLOUR  
Buckwheat  
Cocoa  
MINTS  
MINTHOL  
TUNA FISH  
PEARL BARLEY

**Quart Mustard**  
Salad Dressing  
Country Club  
Lea & Perrins  
Coke Flour  
Swanson  
Fancy Olives  
Country Club  
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**Peanut Butter**  
HEN FEED  
MUSHROOMS  
PIMENTOS  
STAR SOAP  
CANDLES  
RICE POPOORN  
RIB OR PORK CHOPS  
SIRLOIN STEAK  
TENDERLOIN STEAK  
PORTERHOUSE STEAK  
ROUND STEAK  
SHORT RIBS OF BEEF  
HAMBURGER, nice, fresh  
RIB OR LOIN LAMB CHOPS

**KROGER'S QUALITY STORES**

**Buy Your Electrical Christmas Gifts**  
At a regular electrical store and get reliable goods at a reasonable price, with a guarantee back of them.  
**BROKAW ELECTRIC CO.**  
"THE ELECTRICAL GOODS STORE"  
1117 OLIVE STREET

**SNIDER'S TOMATO SOUP**  
regular 10c  
4 Cans 25c

**CRANBERRIES**  
Mayflower Brand; quart.....  
**WREATHS**  
Genuine HOLLY; 2 for 25c

**Sage**  
Fancy Red; per bunch.....  
**Onions**  
Fancy Red; per bunch.....  
**Current Jelly**  
Pure fruit and sugar; per jar.....

**SUGAR PLUM Molasses**  
Best New Orleans; per jar.....  
**NEW FANCY MIXED NUTS**  
Every one good and sound.....

**New Walnuts**  
Fancy; new; per pound.....  
**TARRAGON ALMONDS**  
Nice; new; per pound.....  
**Sicily Filberts**  
Finest; new; per pound.....

**Country Fruit Cakes**  
One of the most priced creations of our master baker. Delicious nuts, candied fruits, etc.; usual 40c-a-lb. kind; big 3-lb. cake.....  
**HAWAIIAN PINEAPPLE**  
The world's finest is grown on these islands.  
**COUNTRY CLUB**  
Sliced in very heavy syrup; No. 15c  
**AVONDALE**  
Sliced or grated; mighty nice fruit; in syrup; 17c

**Apricots**  
COUNTRY CLUB; under this brand only the best is packed, so you will find positively delicious.  
**FRUITVALE**  
BRAND; sliced or grated; mighty nice fruit; in syrup; 17c  
**Fancy Cluster Raisins**  
Like most every where; Kroger's price.....

**MINCE MEAT**  
Good quality; per pound.....  
**Heinz MINCE MEAT**  
A dainty; 19c  
**MINCE MEAT**  
Avondale Brand; dry, purest, high grade; package.....

**HALLOWIE DATES**  
Just received; 10c  
**CREAM**  
lb. 19c  
**Brick**  
per lb. 19c  
**Limbinger**  
full cream Wisconsin; lb. brk. 18c

**MARVO JAMS**  
Strawberry, blackberry, raspberry, etc.; large jar.....  
**FLAKE WHITE**  
for cooking; lb. 9c

**EGGS**  
Big, perfect carefully candled before being sent to the store; every one guaranteed.....

SEE THAT THE  
**Christmas Candy**  
—IS—  
**BLANKE-WENNEKER'S**

**"WILD WAVE" CHOCOLATES**  
A Real Candy Treat for the Most Exacting Taste  
MADE IN ST. LOUIS BY THE  
**BLANKE-WENNEKER CANDY CO.**  
SOLD EVERYWHERE  
If You Can't Get Them at Your Dealers, Call at Our Store, 608 Market St.

**OPEN EVERY NIGHT TO 9 O'CLOCK UNTIL XMAS**

See These Goods Displayed in Our Show Windows

**BUY XMAS GIFTS**  
With the Money You Save

In this rousing clean-up sale Tuesday. Every suit, overcoat and pair of pants in this store is being rushed out at less than 1/2 price. We are determined to reduce all stocks to the minimum before closing our books for inventory, January 2, 1915. Read the remarkable money-saving offers quoted below and come tomorrow.

**OVERCOATS**  
AT LESS THAN 1/2 PRICE!

**\$13.50 & \$15.50 Overcoats 6.50**  
For Men & Young Men  
On sale at less than 1/2 price.....

**\$20 & \$22.50 Overcoats 9.50**  
For Men & Young Men  
On sale at less than 1/2 price.....

**MEN'S SUITS**  
AT LESS THAN 1/2 PRICE

**\$13.50 SUITS 6.50**  
and  
**\$15.00 for Men & Young Men**  
On sale at less than 1/2 price.....

**\$18.00 SUITS 8.50**  
and  
**\$20.00 for Men and Young Men**  
On sale at less than 1/2 price.....

**\$22.50 SUITS 10.50**  
for Men and Young Men  
On sale at less than 1/2 price.....

**BOYS' CLOTHES**  
AT 1/2 PRICE AND LESS

**\$5.50 Boys' Suits & Overcoats 2.75**  
On sale at exactly 1/2 price.....

**\$7.50 Boys' Suits & Overcoats 3.75**  
On sale at exactly 1/2 price.....

**\$10 Boys' Suits & Overcoats 4.75**  
On sale at less than 1/2 price.....

**WEIL**  
CLOTHING COMPANY  
N. W. Cor. 8th and Washington Av.

One Minute Toothache Stick  
Stops toothache quick. All druggists, 10c.



Kodaks for Christmas, \$1 Up.

Get Red Cross Stamps at Exchange Desks—All Floor

FREE Check Room for Parcels &amp; Wraps—Main Floor Gallery

FAMOUS-BARR COMPANY, Olive, Locust, Sixth &amp; Seventh



## Double Eagle Stamps All Day Tuesday

At Famous &amp; Barr Co., the True Christmas Store

**T**OMORROW is the last DOUBLE EAGLE STAMP DAY before Christmas. Concentrate all your Christmas buying here, & by so doing you will greatly augment the buying power of the money you expend. The DOUBLE EAGLE STAMPS we give with cash purchases are valuable earnings & the special offerings in every section make it possible to total great savings.

EAGLE STAMPS are a **PERMANENT FEATURE** in this store's value-giving policy. They are the bonus paid for cash buying & are valuable co-operative dividends which thousands of people avail themselves of. Hundreds are making their completed Eagle Stamp books do much of their Christmas buying & hundreds of others find they reduce materially their living expenses. COME HERE TOMORROW, for prompt service—come for profitable & satisfactory shopping.

### The Christmas Shoppers' Note Book

Carry the Small Parcels—that is the Christmas spirit on every hand.

The attractiveness of the gift often enhances its value. Soule, cards, cord & everything for making remembrances look more Christmas-like to be found on Main Floor, Aisle 10.

Why worry baking Christmas Fruit Cakes? The homemade kind, pure & delicious, mellow with age, to be had here at 2 pounds for \$1.

Christmas Candles—Any & every kind—our own make—simon-pure, delicious—sure to please—in attractive boxes. Main Floor

Leave the Children in the Nursery, where an experienced nurse will care for them & where a room full of playthings is at their disposal. Fifth Floor

We Do Up Packages securely & attractively for mail or express without charge to you. Special Station, Main Floor Gallery.

Absolute safety you are assured every minute you are in this store—safely from fire, from personal hurt, from inferior merchandise.

Silence Rooms—where fatigued shoppers may refresh themselves. Fifth Floor

The Soda Fountains serve all kinds of hot or cold drinks, much to the delight of busy shoppers. The Tea Room & Dairy Lunch are ideal places to lunch.

Gift Certificates are issued at all Exchange Desks on every floor. They are redeemable in any section of the store at any time.

### \$1 Colored Taffeta, 68c

Chiffon taffeta, 26 inches wide, in all the best shades.

\$2.50 54-In. Black Satin, \$1.85

Extra wide, rich, soft, 54-inch black satin.

49c Silk Mixed Crepe, 25c

3000 yards of 24, 26 & 32 inch plain color & printed silk wrap washable Jacquard crepe de chine in light and dark colors.

\$1.50 Fancy Silks, 75c

Fancy silks for trimmings, ties & waists, in rich colorings.

\$1.98 Black Broadcloth, \$1.48

Very fine satin faced pure wool, 50-inch black chiffon broadcloth, Tuesday, special at \$1.48.

75c Blue Serge, 58c

All-wool, sponged & shrunk, 42-inch double warp, Navy Blue Serge.

\$1.98 Plaid Cloakings, \$1.50

Extra heavy, all-wool, rich plaids, 54-inch cloakings. Main Floor, Aisle 1

### Men's Sweater Coats, \$2.50

"V" necks & collars attached styles, exceptional good values, assorted colors.

Men's Sweater Coats, \$3.50

Good quality wool & fine worsted in rope stitched, shaker knit, Cardigan stitch & fine ribbed effects, with & without collars, assorted colors. Second Floor

### Sample Scalloped Sheets & Cases

Ready-made, pure bleached, scalloped edge, sample line, some slightly soiled, all high-grade Sheets.

98c Sheets, 51x90 size.....75c

90c Sheets, 51x90 size.....75c

Cases, 56x36 size.....17c

Cases, 40x36 size.....15c

Cases, 42x36 size.....20c

Cases, 45x36 size.....22½c Basement Gallery

### ALL merchandise

is returned for exchange or refund

MUST be accompanied with original sales check.

We're Ready to Deliver, When You Say the Word, Handsome

### \$600 Solo-art Player-Pianos, \$445

The delivery can be arranged to suit your convenience—but the purchase should be made NOW if you would not be disappointed in making this saving of \$155 on one of the best Player-Pianos made.

In tone & mechanism these SOLO-ART Players will meet the exacting requirements of the most accomplished musicians. They're guaranteed on a money-back basis.

\$5 or \$10 Is All You Need Pay Until After January 1

We're making it easy for you to buy—but do not delay for they're going fast.

Yes, we take your Old Piano in Exchange. Sixth Floor



The Completing Touch of the Christmastide Can Best Come Through the Gift of a

### New Victrola & Records

What delightful music, what charming entertaining to help make the day the merriest of the year, when with this wonderful instrument you have command of the world's best musicians & singers.

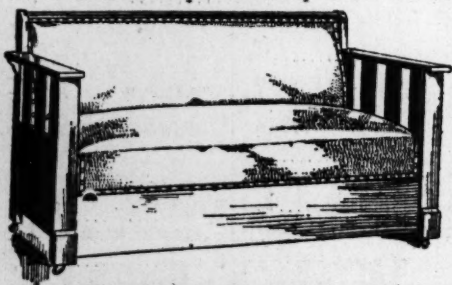
We'll select the records, if you wish, & every one will be new, like the instrument, & played for the first time when you start it Christmas morn.

Victrolas in all woods & finishes, various sizes, \$15 to \$250. Sixth Floor

Pleasing Gifts for the Home—

### \$21 Davenettes, \$16.75

No sale could be better timed—the fortunate purchase of a car-load brings them to us at a price that permits this splendid offer—



Davenettes are as here illustrated, & come in golden oak with brown or black imitation leather, fumed oak with brown imitation leather & mahogany finish with black imitation leather upholstery. Frames are well made of seasoned oak or birch & have best all-steel spring construction—making an attractive sofa & a comfortable double bed—(without mattress). Fourth Floor

### See What Important Savings in Toys & Dolls

The vast range for selection, the quality of articles offered are further reasons for buying Tuesday.

Royal Jointed Dolls

A number that have become slightly soiled but are otherwise perfect, at ½ price, while they last.

\$3.48 Dolls, \$1.74.

\$5.98 Dolls, \$2.99.

\$8.48 Dolls, \$3.24.

\$6.98 Dolls, \$3.49.

\$1.00 Darkey Log Cabin Mechanical Money Banks, while they last, 65c.

\$1.25 large size Plush Horses, on wheels, 95c.

Large size "Schoenhut" 15-key Toy Pianos, 95c.

\$1.50 Laundry Set, with wringer & basket, \$1.10.

\$1.00 Set Lead Soldiers, complete with gun, 74c.

\$5.00 "Bings" Electric Trains on track, with cars, \$3.95.

50c Toy Wood Telephones, large size, 37c.

\$2.50 American Flyer Mechanical Trains, on track, \$1.95.

\$1 Toy Tea Sets, 68c

Toy Tea Sets, pretty shape, white china, 23 large size pieces.

Colored Rubber Balls

Large lot, while they last.

35c Balls, 23c.

50c Balls, 39c.

65c Balls, 45c.

\$1.10 Balls, 79c.

Teddy Bears Less

A belated shipment to be sold while they last at less than factory cost.

59c Teddy Bears, 38c.

75c Teddy Bears, 44c.

98c Teddy Bears, 64c.

\$1.10 Teddy Bears, 69c.

\$1.25 Teddy Bears, 84c.

50c Toy Clothes Wringers, with rubber roll, 39c.

\$1.00 Toy Clothes Wringers, with rubber roll, 79c.

Boys' \$8.45 large size Rubber Tired Autos, \$6.95.

\$1.10 Easel Blackboards, with revolving charts, 79c.

\$7.50 Speedway Racer Handcars, heavy rubber tires, \$5.95.

\$7.50 large size Plush Rocking Horses, \$5.50.

\$2.25 Sidewalk Sulkies, large size, rubber tires, \$1.50.

Basement Salesroom

## Let It Be Furs for Christmas

A Notable Sale Which Brings Handsome Fur Sets Now in Time for Giving at January Prices

Wonderfully complete range of styles for choosing, all expertly chosen & made of perfect matched pelts.

\$15, \$16.50 & \$19.75 Fur Sets

Black Coney Sets.....

Jap Mink Sets.....

Natural Wolf Sets.....

Black Wolf Sets.....

Persian Paw Sets.....

\$22.50, \$25 & \$29.75 Fur Sets

Red Fox Sets.....

Natural Wolf Sets.....

Jap Mink Sets.....

French Coney Sets.....

Black Wolf Sets.....

White Iceland Fox Sets.....

\$37.50, \$39.75 & \$45 Sets

Red Fox Sets.....

Black Fox Sets.....

Jap Mink Sets.....

Natural Wolf Sets.....

Civet Cat Sets.....

Skunk Opossum Sets.....

Hudson Seal Sets.....



\$30, \$32.50 & \$35 Fur Sets

Jap Mink Sets.....

Black Wolf Sets.....

Red Fox Sets.....

Natural Wolf Sets.....

Kid Coney Sets.....

Persian Paw Sets.....

\$50, \$55 & \$60 Fur Sets

Chinchilla Squirrel Sets.....

Red Fox Sets.....

Mink Set.....

Black Fox Sets.....

Civet Cat Sets.....

Hudson Seal Sets.....

\$70, \$85 to \$100 Fur Sets

\$75 Jap Mink Sets.....

\$75.00 Skunk Set.....

\$85.00 Pointed Fox Set.....

\$85.00 Blue Fox Set.....

\$97.50 Black Fox Set.....

\$100 Cross Fox Set.....

\$100 Chinchilla Squirrel.....

\$75.00 Mink Set.....

\$75.00 Fitch Set.....

Third Floor

With the Near Approach of the Holidays Men Will Find Much to Interest Them in

## These Christmas Clothes Specials

NEW Suits & Overcoats come within the Christmas plans of hundreds & hundreds of men. Those who go "back to the old home" for the holidays as well as those who spend it in the city are planning to look their best at the Christmastide. With some a Suit, others an Overcoat is necessary to make the wardrobe complete.

Here is news of vital importance to both. Suits & Overcoats, the last word in authentic style, from the leading clothes makers are marked at prices which mean extreme savings to men who buy here.

Men's & Young Men's \$25, \$28 & \$30

SUITS

\$18.00

Newest models of Society Brand & other makes of fancy silk-mixed worsteds, imported & domestic chevots & cassimeres as well as blue & black. All sizes, including stouts & slims.

Men's & Young Men's \$18, \$20 & \$22.50

SUITS

\$12.75

Enough to be saved to take care of the Christmas purchases. Splendid patterns in cassimere, chevot & worsted, including blue serge, several hundred—various styles, faultless tailoring & finish.

Men's & Young Men's \$15, \$18 & \$20

OVERCOATS

\$11.75

Double-breasted, convertible collar styles—some with shawl collars—in gray, brown & tan—serge lined with satin sleeves. Important Christmas special.

Men's & Young Men's \$25 Chinchilla

OVERCOATS

\$17.00

Double-breasted styles—shawl collar, belted back—46 to 52 in. lengths—Skinner satin sleeves & serge lined—hand-tailored throughout—colors blue & Oxford & sizes 34 to 50, including stouts & slims.

No Other St. Louis Store Shows Such Complete Lines of

Smoking Jackets

Every wanted style from the plain & inexpensive ones to the handsomest sort.

You will find Jackets of fancy & contrasting back materials, in colors Oxford, Cambridge, blue, maroon, brown & tan, with silk cord or bound edges & silk loops, also imported Silk & fancy Velvet Coats. Prices are \$4.75, \$7.75, \$11.50 & \$18.50.

Second Floor



### Men's Fixings

Items Suggested for Their Special Fitness as Gifts

Combination Sets

Collar Box Sets, containing tie, scarf, handkerchief, scarf pin & clasp—special value at 50c.

3-Drawer Cabinets, containing silk, silk tie, silk handkerchief, pad garters, scarf pin & clasp—cabinet in attractive tapestry effect cover.

The Rack Sets of tie, scarf & handkerchiefs, in handsome wall rack, which may be affixed to wall & used for neckwear, \$1.

Suspender Sets, with garters to match, at 50c & \$1.

Suspenders, handsome webbing, in holiday boxes, 50c, 75c & \$1.

Main Floor, Aisle 10

Men's Bath Robes & House Gowns

A line which assures most satisfactory choosing.

Blankets & Terry Cloth Robes in attractive colorings, well finished, at \$2.65, \$3.50, \$5 & up to \$15.

Silk Gowns at \$22.50 to \$32.50

Those Who Have Gloves

—to buy for men will save time & money in coming here.

Woolen Gloves, 25c & 50c.

Dress & Driving Gloves—cape or suede—tan, gray & black, \$1.50, \$2 & \$2.50.

Fur Gloves for autoists, \$2, \$3, \$4, \$5 to \$25.

Main Floor, Aisle 6

### Buy All Your Christmas Candies Here

Be assured they are the purest—the best.

Every wanted kind. Good old fashioned "sugar stick, brittles of all kinds, hand-dipped chocolates & fancy nut filled "goodies" as well as novelties—all from our own Sanitz & Sunlight Candy Factory on the premises.

Our Xmas Special, box of 3 lbs. for \$1.

Boss Brand Chocolate, pound, 20c.

Fruit & Nut Filled (chocolate), lb., 30c.

Assorted Chocolates, pound, 25c.

Assorted Nut Bars, 1 and 30c.

Ten Sticks, all flavor, pound, 30c.

All packed in Xmas Tolly Boxes.

Standard Stick Candy, pound, 20c.

Nut Filled Buttercups, pound, 30c.

Nut & Plain Caramels, pound, 30c.

Chocolate Almonds, pound, 40c.

Salted Almonds, pound, 30c.

Xmas candy novelties of all kinds—toy stockings in various sizes.

Main Floor, Aisle 9

What Good News for Mothers With Gifts to Buy for Boys

in This Great Sale of

## Boys' \$5 to \$6 Norfolk Suits at \$3

Suits of such nature as to make extremely practical gifts—garments from one of the most favorably known tailors to boys—J. J. Preis & Co., New York, bought by us at a substantial discount & offered at corresponding savings.

Nattiest new Norfolk styles, of all-wool fabrics, splendidly tailored & with good linings & trimmings—sizes from 6 to 17 years. Plan now that your boy shall have one.

Sure Delight Is the Lot of Boys Who Get "In Their Stockings" Christmas Morn These

Play Suits

Imagine what delightful times they will have romping & playing in these "make believe" costumes of cowboys, indians, policemen & soldiers—then, too, there are Santa Claus suits to add joy to Christmas Day.

Indian Suits, 95c to \$2.45.

Cowboy Suits, 95c to \$2.75.

Cowboy Chaps, \$1.45 to \$4.95

Policemen's Suits, \$1.75.



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## ATTORNEY GENERAL ASKED ABOUT SALE OF INFORMATION

State Official Who Condemned Practice Is Requested to Give Legal Opinion.

### LOOKING UP AUTHORITIES

News Supplied by Clerks Not the Kind for Which State Exacts a Fee.

By a Staff Correspondent of the Post-Dispatch.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 21.—When Attorney General Barker returned to his office today he found on his desk the letter from Secretary of State Roach asking for an opinion as to whether the selling of information to corporations and periodicals by clerks in the State Department, who kept the money obtained for such services, is unlawful if the information is compiled and sent out outside of office hours. Barker said he did not have the authorities ready to render an official opinion offhand, but that he is looking up the technical points involved and expects to submit an opinion in a day or two.

Letter Shown to Correspondent.

The Post-Dispatch correspondent was shown a letter today written by C. M. Cartwright, editor of the Western Underwriter to the insurance department, which indicates that Means Bay and Fred Crockett, clerks who were selling information to the Underwriter, an insurance periodical, did not use coercion to obtain that employment.

An excerpt from a letter written to Mrs. Laura Green of Jefferson City by Cartwright, was published in the Post-Dispatch Dec. 15, in which Cartwright said he had dispensed with the services of Mrs. Green, who runs a private clipping bureau, and had employed the department clerks because he "feared to antagonize the department." In another letter to Mrs. Green Cartwright said he had been requested to let the clerks do the work, and concluded: "I suppose we will have to submit."

Means Bay, chief clerk in the Insurance Department, was shown a copy of the letters and wrote to Cartwright, remonstrating.

What Cartwright Wrote to Bay. Bay told Cartwright that if he felt the clerk's services had been forced on him they would refuse longer to furnish him with information, to which Cartwright replied as follows:

"The Western Underwriter, Chicago, Jan. 26, 1913.—Dear Mr. Bay: I have your letter about our letter to Mrs. Green. It was a rather indiscreet remark that I made in that letter, but I had no intention of reflecting on the department. She had been sending us the agency appointments and clippings. The news we got was almost nil, but we could get no one else. I simply had in mind letting her down easy when I wrote the letter, as she had been faithful in what little work she had done. I should not have sent out such a letter, and regret it. We have correspondents in all the Western insurance departments, and I know, of course, that the Superintendents are not influenced in such small matters as this.

"Just overlook the matter as one in which we were trying to let down a woman in as easy a manner as we could. Your service is most satisfactory, we are delighted with it. We believe that such matter should go out from a department man who knows the truth and also knows what can be given out. I assure you of my own regret that I allowed myself to be carried away in a moment of lapse as to overlook just how it might sound.

"Am glad you wrote us and assure you that we meant nothing at all. Yours faithfully,

C. M. CARTWRIGHT, Managing Editor.

The character of the information which clerks in the insurance department were selling is insurance news and statistics from the department, but did not consist of copies of records of the department which the statute specifies shall be sold and the money paid into the State treasury.

Christmas Thoughts.

If you think you cannot afford to insure your life, have you thought how your family can afford to do without you?

Let me show you how our new monthly life income contract, with disability benefits, guarantees a continuation of your income, during the life of your loved ones.

GEO. W. TAYLOR, Special Agent, New York Life, Dolph Bldg., St. Louis.

Woman, Aged 108, Dies.

WORCESTER, Mass., Dec. 21.—Mrs. Louisa Waterman Carpenter, aged 108 years and 4 months, died last night of old age. She was the oldest living member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and could trace her ancestry to Rolle of Normandy.

THE IDEAL Christmas Present—a genuine Diamond—Ladies' and Gents'—at Credit Jewelers, 54 West, 208 N. 2d St.

Flowers, 521 Olive Street, Open till 11 P. M.

Exclusive gifts for Christmas, consisting of our 50c, 75c and \$1 line of candles and beautiful imported baskets and boxes. Other novelties, too, and up.

"ACTOIDS" ACT ACTIVELY. "ACTOIDS" Cure Constipation.

## Fine Big Tree for Festival at the Coliseum Candy in Every Christmas Dinner Basket Children Send Contributions to the Post-Dispatch

Chickens, Apples and Celery to Be Provided in Holiday Feast Sent to Homes.

EVERY charity society in St. Louis sends names of needy families and children to the Post-Dispatch Christmas Festival Association, which strives to make glad, on the great festival day, every person who needs assistance to happiness.

On Friday, the fifteenth Christmas Festival will be held, at the Coliseum, and on that day every poor family will have a bountiful Christmas dinner.

Baskets filled with food for this dinner are being packed in the Bixby building at the northeast corner of Twelfth and Locust streets and they will be distributed on Thursday. Each basket will contain:

- One package rolled oats.
- One pound rice.
- One pound sugar.
- One pound coffee.
- One pound dried peaches.
- One pound navy beans.
- One peck potatoes.
- One dozen onions.
- One dozen apples.
- One can soup.
- One large size can of tomatoes.
- One pound candy.
- Two loaves of bread and celery.
- Two or three chickens, according to size of family.

No food will be served at the Coliseum on Christmas Day, as experienced social workers believe that the dinner should be in the homes and that nothing should be done to lessen the home-spirit of families even in their city day.

The basket distribution is conducted on an unique system. A postal card is sent to the beneficiary which has attached to it two car tickets, entitling the bearer to ride to and from the distribution depot on the Union Railway street cars. This privilege is accorded through the generosity of Vice-President and General Manager McCulloch, who also permits those who are invited to the Coliseum to ride free from and to their homes.

When the beneficiary arrives at the basket depot he or she surrenders the postal card, retaining the return car ticket, and receives a basket of food.

The third and by no means least feature in importance of the Christmas Festival is the homeless men's dinner at the Midway Lunch Room. This ample feast will begin at 11 o'clock and run to 2 or 3 o'clock. Mr. Frank Wyman will appear in the character of Santa Claus and distribute gifts of tobacco.

Two Beneficial Feasts.

An expedition to the country for the Christmas tree that is to be erected in the center of the Coliseum Friday and the tree for the outdoor exercises in Twelfth street, returned Saturday evening mid-spurred and happy. In the festive in the homeless men's dinner at the Midway Lunch Room. This ample feast will begin at 11 o'clock and run to 2 or 3 o'clock. Mr. Frank Wyman will appear in the character of Santa Claus and distribute gifts of tobacco.

The trees were donated by W. J. Hiss, general manager of the Southwestern Telephone and Telegraph Co., who sent out J. Clelland two weeks ago as the "looker" charged with the duty of finding the trees.

The expedition was organized by E. D. Anderson of the telephone company, and included Chairman Stephen A. Martin of the Post-Dispatch Christmas Festival Tree Committee, Park Commissioner Dwight Davis, Commissioner of Public Welfare Emil Tolkaew, General Commercial Superintendent W. G. Barry of the telephone company, and Nelson Cunliffe.

Mr. Davis and Mr. Tolkaew began the chopping down of the trees, assisted by Mr. Martin. When they were wearing Arthur O'Brien, his sons Joseph, Thomas and Peter, James Block, George and Ed Doll and Frank Shaffery finished the job in safety. The trees will be brought in and set up no later than Thursday night.

Twenty-Five Cents in Letter.

There was more than 25 cents worth of faith in this contributor's letter:

Dear Santa: I am a little girl 6 years old. I am sending you 25 cents. Please give it to the poor children to buy some nice toys for Christmas.

HANNAH SOLOMON, 501A Castman avenue.

Ten cents came with this letter:

Dear Santa Claus: I have been a good boy and hope you will not forget me this Christmas. I would love to have an Irish mail coat, an eraser outfit, a book of boys' stories and a game. I am a little boy 8 years old. Your little friend.

GERARD JAMES, 809 North Newstead avenue.

And there was a dime in this one: I'm sending you 10 cents which I saved for the little poor children. I do hope Santa Claus will not forget any of them. From a good boy.

BENJAMIN HARRISON, 2121 years.

Many other such letters have been received.

Rotary Club Aids.

The St. Louis Rotary Club raised a fund and divided it between several charities. To the Christmas Festival Fund \$10 was donated.



• LOUISE ALLEN • MIRILLO PORTRAIT • ROGER GRAY

Musical comedy stars who will aid in festival dance.

### Christmas Festival Program:

Basket distribution at the Northeast corner of Twelfth and Locust streets. . . . . Thursday. . . . . Festive pastime and gift distribution to children, from 12:30 to 2:30 p. m., at the Coliseum. . . . . Friday. . . . . Dinner for homeless men at the Midway Lunchroom, Pine, between Third and Fourth streets, 11 a. m. to 2 p. m. . . . . Friday.

Indeed to include check for \$10. . . . . We shall be pleased to have you expend this in any way you see fit. We do not want to attach any strings to this donation. It is yours to distribute and we hope that in distributing same you will enjoy the labor as much as we have enjoyed sending on this small donation. Yours very truly, ST. LOUIS ROTARY CLUB. J. M. TOMPKETT, President. G. C. SEARS, Chairman Entertainment Committee.

### DANCING CONTEST TOMORROW NIGHT FOLLOW THE CROWD!

Go to DREAMLAND tomorrow night. Join the dancing throng. Go to be entertained. Go to help spread Christmas cheer among the poor. It will cost you 50 cents. And every cent of that will go to the Post-Dispatch Christmas Festival Fund.

Your 50 cents will purchase one-third of a Christmas basket to feed a hungry family. When you pay the 50 cents you have the satisfaction of knowing that you are contributing largely to the happiness of a poor family. But the Post-Dispatch Christmas Festival Fund, in return, is going to give you the biggest 50 cents' worth of amusement you ever had. Here's some of it:

You will see "who is the best dancer in St. Louis."

Gov. Major, coming especially from the State capital for this occasion, will be on the big list of competent judges.

Roger Gray and Louise Allen, musical comedy favorites who have endeared themselves to patrons of the Park and Shandooch Theaters, will sing and dance for you. They will come to Dreamland immediately after finishing their part in "The Gipsybread Man" at the Shandooch. What they do will make you laugh. They have prepared something especially for the festival dancers.

You can dance from 9 p. m. until about 1 a. m.

The big Dreamland orchestra, playing the snappiest dance music in town, will be there.

Members of the Post-Dispatch editorial staff, who have the festival dance arrangements in charge personally, will be at Dreamland to see that you get your money's worth.

Best Dancers to Be There.

The best dancers in town will be at Dreamland tomorrow night. They will come from North, South, East and West St. Louis.

They will be part of the big cosmopolitan crowd. For this is to be a big, democratic, community dance. It is strictly informal. Everybody is invited. The Post-Dispatch Christmas Festival Committee wants everybody to be there.

And the reports coming in indicate the big crowd will be there. Dreamland has had some big crowds in the past, but tomorrow night's crowd will tax its capacity.

Henry C. Giessemeier Jr., president of the Federation of Dancing Clubs, who will be one of the dance contest judges, says almost every member of the Federation will be there. The Federation is composed of these clubs: Herculeans, Chanticleers, Falcons, Dolphins, La Croix, Werners and Kan-uses. They dance at Westminster Hall.

The best dancers in these clubs are going to compete in the prize dance

## MAN WITH BIG VOICE LECTURES ON WAR PICTURES

Charles Gray, Masque Actor, Explains Scenes in Belgium Shown at Garrick.

Charles Gray, who took the part of Waspedan in the St. Louis Masque last May, where he gained considerable note for the carrying power of his voice, gave an explanatory lecture yesterday at the production of the European war pictures at the Garrick. Gray's lectures will feature the showing of the pictures throughout the week.

Waspedan's chanting in the Masque last spring was heard by persons living two miles from the Garrick grounds, so great was the carrying power of Gray's voice. Gray is a baritone singer and has sung on the concert stage in Europe and America.

He is a graduate of Harvard University and attended the University of Paris for four years. During his years in France Gray was in Belgium a number of times, and has a personal knowledge of the territory in which were fought the battles of Malines, Aerichot, Alost and Liere, scenes of which are shown in the motion pictures at the Garrick.

This knowledge enabled him to give those who viewed the pictures yesterday a background for them not obtainable from the pictures alone. He gave an explanatory talk previous to each run of the films, and continued a running account of the battles as they were shown in the pictures, identifying them by date and their relation to each other.

Gray also told of some of the experiences of the photographer, Edwin Wieghe, and gave the audience some idea of the difficulties he surmounted in obtaining the pictures.

One Minute Toothache Stick Stops toothache quick. All druggists, 10c.

### CONCERTS FOR EUROPEAN AID

Societies to Combine in Giving Benefit Performances.

Plans will be made tonight at a meeting at 808 Chestnut street for the holding of a series of concerts in St. Louis after the holidays, the proceeds to aid the suffering noncombatants of Europe.

Committees from the Gaiety Club, the Scottish Club, the Society Française of St. Louis and the Belgian Relief Fund will be present. Gus V. Mechin, chairman of the General Committee, said the use of the Odeon and the Leland Dancing Academy had been offered for the holding of the concerts. These two halls and one other, to be determined upon later, will be used.

### New Grill at Hotel Beers.

On Tuesday, Dec. 22, the management of the Hotel Beers, at Grand and Olive, will open a handsome, new Grill Room for ladies and gentlemen and an attractive buffet—both located on the ground floor and with entrances from Olive street, Grand avenue and the Rathskeller.

The new feature at the Hotel Beers, together with its excellent floor, ice, good orchestra and convenient location, will make it a very delightful place after the theater, for special dinner parties and for the individual—Adv.

Arthur Brisbane Is Better.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 21.—Arthur Brisbane, New York editor, was sufficiently recovered to leave today for his home. He was seized with illness here 10 days ago and it was thought for a time an operation would be necessary.

Assorted Chocolates 15c, 25c, 50c lb. boxes or loose, at Olympia, 718 Franklin.

## LOWERS FAMILY TO ICY STREET AS HOME BURNS

State Senator-Elect Le Page of East St. Louis Then Drops Safely at 2:30 A. M. Blaze.

Stephen Le Page, State Senator-elect, when awakened by fire in his general store under his apartments, at 880 State street, Edgemont, in East St. Louis, at 2:30 o'clock this morning, lowered his wife and 12-year-old daughter, Viola, from second story windows by holding their hands and dropping them to the ground. He then lowered himself from the window sill.

East St. Louis fire companies were unable to reach the fire because of the ice-covered streets and the building and contents were destroyed. Le Page estimated his loss at \$50,000, covered by insurance.

The fire started, Le Page thinks, from an acetylene lighting plant. It was burning fiercely in the store when the family awakened to find their escape by the stairs cut off.

The East St. Louis department attempted to run an automobile fire truck to the fire but at Thirty-eighth and State streets it skidded and turned around and could not be headed again toward the fire. Firemen then went out on special street cars provided by the East St. Louis & Suburban Electric Railway Co.

Le Page, who is noted as a hunter of big game, had a collection of animal heads and stuffed animals and birds trophies of hunting in New Brunswick, the Sierras, the Rockies, Mexico and Canada. They were destroyed. Le Page was formerly Mayor of Edgemont, before it was annexed to East St. Louis.

### BANK LAW REVISION HEARING

State Commission to Hear Suggestions for New Laws Tomorrow.

The State Commission, appointed to recommend to the next Legislature a revision of the Missouri banking laws, will hold a public hearing at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning at the Planters Hotel. An invitation to all persons who have suggestions for changes in the banking laws to attend the hearing has been issued. A majority of the members of the commission are not bankers.

Among the changes deemed necessary because of the Federal reserve act are, authorization for the State bank to hold stock in the Federal Reserve Bank to make the amount in reserve more in harmony with the reserve of a national bank, and to give State banks the power to accept paper against domestic as well as foreign shipments.

### KERENS AID BELGIAN FUND

The largest individual subscription made by a St. Louisan to the Belgian relief fund was 50 barrels of flour, donated today by Richard C. Kerens, former Ambassador to Austria-Hungary. The value of this donation is more than \$250.

Contributions of money, food and clothing are being received by the committee, of which Ben Altshuler is treasurer.

## JUDGE CRITICISES THE ACQUITTAL OF SLAYER CLEARY

"Murder Is Murder," He Says, in Case of Politician Who Killed Son-in-Law.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Dec. 21.—Supreme Court Justice Joseph Morschauer, who presided at the trial of William V. Cleary at New City, N. Y., for the murder of his son-in-law, Eugene Newman, at Haverstraw, July 23, said in a statement today that the verdict of acquittal returned by the jury Saturday night did not accord with his views of the case.

"Murder is murder, call it by whatever name you will," the Justice said.

"I believe sympathy played a great part in the case, although I warned the jury not to allow it to influence the verdict. If the jury did not consciously decide the case according to the evidence, it must rest with themselves, each individually, and their responsibility to their God, with the knowledge that they violated their oaths as jurors."

Testimony in the trial was to the effect that, when Mr. and Mrs. Cleary were informed of their daughter's physical condition, the father was so overcome that he left the house, and was in such a state of mind from the shock of the revelation and the use of liquor he was not responsible when he shot young Newman from the latter's visit to his office to inform him that he and Cleary's daughter had been married five days before. Cleary, it was testified, had not been informed that the young couple had been married. Cleary was Town Clerk of Haverstraw.

The case was given to the jury Saturday afternoon. It is said that at no time more than four of the jurors voted to convict Cleary. The verdict was greeted with cheers.

All home-made candles 15c, 3 lbs. 35c, at Olympia, 718 Franklin.

No finer exhibition room for the display of motor cars is to be seen in all the West than that housing the Dorris Cars at Laclede av. and Sarah st.

There is abundant space for observation and comparison. The courteous attention to your inquiries will make your inspection here of the Dorris product a pleasure.

In response to many requests, the Dorris display will be open to visitors Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings until ten o'clock.

An opportunity is thus afforded you to examine the new Dorris Cars at your leisure.

Especially of interest are the smart Dorris Cars built for fashionable patronage. The Limousines and Sedans on exhibition are unsurpassed by any maker anywhere. The bodies represent the finest product of coach makers' art.

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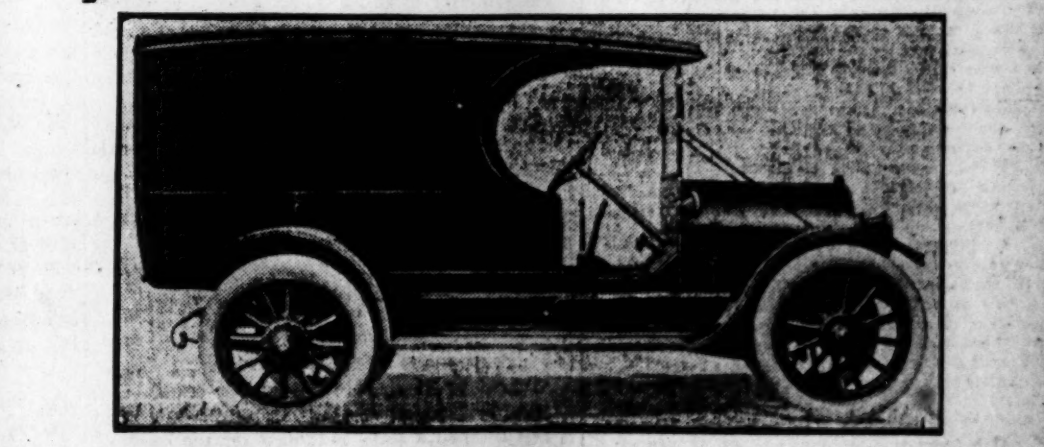
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To give an employee, relation or friend it to open a Mercantile Savings Account for them. Any amount from \$1 up will start an account with us. A Mercantile Savings Account will prove the most sensible, practical and lasting present you can bestow. And the 3 1/2 interest we pay makes quite an addition to the account of the systematic saver.

For your convenience our Savings Department is open Monday evenings until 7:30 o'clock.

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## LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

## A Timely Suggestion.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

At this time the civilized world is preparing to give and receive presents, and holding great festivals in honor of the birth of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whose teachings the majority of mankind today believe in. He came, as he says, to the poor. His wonderful words and promises are a great comfort of the poor today.

Most persons are willing to help others, if in so doing, they can help themselves also. The present time offers an opportunity to many to help others and at the same time save something for themselves. There are thousands of persons in this great city that own buildings and homes which need repairing, and there are thousands of men in all lines of all trades that are willing to work at anything and at any price they can get. Materials of all kinds are cheaper than they have been. Persons owning buildings and homes should look around and see if they cannot find something they need done, and have it done at once; in doing this think of someone that needs work. In this way, they can help someone provide for those that are depending on them for the comforts of life; and no doubt they can bring Christmas cheer to someone that would otherwise be without it and at the same time save money. Work can be done cheaper at this time than in the future. We all owe something to our fellow-men and must pay something at sometime. Why not pay part of it now and at the same time save something.

A. B. CORWIN.

## Street Cleaners Wages Delayed.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

The city street cleaners are always on the tail end to get paid, and now they are paying the city employees twice a month, why not pay the street cleaners the same way instead of making them wait six or nine days after their pay is due?

UNFAIR.

## Unreasonable "Kicks."

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

I notice in your "Letters From the People" a kick on the United Railways for more cars. This evening I transferred as usual at Vandeventer and Chouteau avenues and while there I heard the same old kick and when the car came it was crowded, and the kicker was the first to crowd in, when there was an almost empty car not a hundred feet behind, which I took and had a seat. There were five other empty seats in this car. The U. R. is not a sweetheart of mine, but many kicks are tiresome. Why don't they send their complaints to the manager of the U. R. Co.

JACK.

## Give Poor Workers a Chance.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

I notice that Mr. Player is opposed to giving the men that were laid off employment, if the city has to go in debt. I have wondered if Mr. Player would be willing to cut his salary for a few months, as well as a lot of the other high-ups in the city offices, to help these poor unfortunate people along.

It does seem strange that when a time like this comes, the poorest of the poor have to bear the burden, instead of cutting the big salaries temporarily, so that everyone could get along, they want to keep all their salary and fire the poor man, who has a family (and usually a larger one than the man with the higher salary), and is making such a small amount—say, \$1. or \$1.50 per day—such that he has not had a chance to save. These high-salaried men could live for sometime off their own money, even without any salary. But no one expects anyone to work for nothing, so why not be honest with ourselves and everyone else—help the people who need it, do not discharge them or cut their wages—especially those at the bottom, so that the city or firm can make a larger showing than ever, but start with the man who can afford it, and who ought to be willing to share, at least a portion with the honest poor men of our city and country.

I believe that when such steps as these are taken there will be less demand for poor houses, which will tend toward a decrease in taxes, and our charitable institutions will not demand so much.

I am not a Socialist, but I believe in giving everyone a chance.

T. J. POWER.

## "Partially Amused."

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

Will some of those parties that suggest that the legislated district pay 10 per cent of the cost show me how it can be done? The parkway will not increase the wages of the people that room and board on the tenant could pay more rent. The repairs on this old property will not be less and we cannot all sell or put up new improvements. If they have the parkway no one will walk on the back streets. Will someone please show us how we will be benefited?

AMUSED.

## MONSTROUS RECORD IN DELAY.

Next to the question of what success in the mill tax case means to St. Louis in defining taxation powers and providing new revenue for making a better city, the most important question arising under the decision is whether it ends all possibility of further delay.

To apply to the Missouri Supreme Court for a rehearing will be only to follow the routine in cases of this magnitude. The reorganization of the bench at the beginning of the new year may seem to give this more than usual promise. If, however, a rehearing motion is as fruitless as such motions generally are, the United Railways ought to pay within a few weeks the huge sum in arrears.

But it is said that the company still has other cards up its sleeve. It can, so it is asserted, have the issue again reviewed by the Federal courts.

The mill tax ordinance became operative Jan. 1, 1904. The litigation over it has continued a few weeks more than 10 years.

Two different appeals were made to the United States Supreme Court. On each the Justices of that Court held that no Federal right was infringed.

They also laid down a definition telling what kind of a tax the mill tax is. The Justices of the Missouri Supreme Court found this definition helpful in reaching the decision announced Saturday, that no right guaranteed by the State Constitution was infringed.

If doubt longer exists about the legality of this tax, then doubt must exist about whether the Constitution follows the flag. Doubt must exist as to whether the Northern Securities Co. had a lawful form of organization. The status of the Oil Trust and the Tobacco Trust and their practices must still be involved in uncertainty.

If, after judgment has been pronounced once by the court of last resort in the State jurisdiction and twice by the court of last resort in the Federal jurisdiction, the interpretation can be further disputed, we must amend our understanding as to what constitutes a court of last resort.

Judge Walker argued powerfully from the principle of res adjudicata. What can be regarded as res adjudicata, if this case is not?

The attorneys for the outlawed Oil Trust, Tobacco Trust and other trusts were too complacent and yielding. They should have been sacked and the United Railways' able counsel employed to keep up a perpetual fight in equity.

With such patience as is left after patience was long ago exhausted, the people will watch the further proceedings in this case. The record is already monstrous. Attempts to trifle longer with justice should be dealt with in such a way as to make it a cause as celebrated for the penalties it drew from an affronted judiciary as it has been heretofore as an extreme instance of vexatious litigation.

## SENATE CONFIRMATION FIGHT.

Patronage fights are tiresome and waste time and effort that ought to be devoted to beneficial legislation. However the struggle now in progress over the confirmation of Missouri and other nominations will at least have this advantageous effect: It will help to make clearer in the public mind the identity of those Senators who are giving loyal support to the administration and those who are hampering it with factitious opposition.

## A LONDON OPINION.

The London Daily Mail begins a leader with the following paragraph:

The forecast of a high French authority which we publish today should serve to remove any remaining illusions in this country as to the duration of the war. For obvious reasons the name of the distinguished French officer must be suppressed, but the public can be assured that he is in position to estimate the probabilities. He does not expect to see the Germans driven back across the Rhine until February, 1916, or the conclusion of peace before 1917.

Equally significant is the fact, reported to the Washington Government by protesting Germans, that American arms and ammunition factories have contracted their entire output to British and French buyers for a period of two and one-half years.

The probability, therefore, as those engaged on it, being for a long war, why shouldn't American business men accept it, cease waiting for peace and get back to "business as usual" as quickly as possible?

This country is going to make crops as usual; its people are going to wear clothes, build and occupy houses, buy and sell and go about their usual occupations, in full volume, just as soon as they make up their minds to it.

Here is one situation where watchful waiting has nothing at all to commend it. With materials and labor cheap and plentiful, money easy to get for every legitimate use, and a growing population to feed, clothe, house and otherwise provide for, regardless of what happens elsewhere, this country's paramount duty is to turn its attention back to home tasks and home opportunities and get busy.

## TURNING WATER INTO GOLD.

A Joplin mining company having \$43,000 capitalization but less than \$1000 of property, thought it had escaped a \$5000 judgment for the death of an employee because enough property could not be levied on to meet the judgment. But the Springfield Court of Appeals started the stockholders by holding them individually liable for amounts on the face value of their stock proportioned to the amount by which capital exceeded actual property.

This establishes the rule that the water in stock must be turned into gold at the expense of the stockholders for the payment of just debts. This is hard on the promoters of shark mining companies who figure on making the transformation

at the expense of the lamb. General recognition of the rule will put an awful crimp in their graft and in the common stock-watering practices of high finance.

## WOMAN'S VISION OF PEACE.

Three delegates from the Woman's Political Union have gone from New York to Washington to lay before Secretary Bryan "a constructive plan to prevent war." Their plan is to "have the women of America call upon the women of all the neutral nations to meet immediately and lay the foundation of an international commission, or a world government, with an international court and an international police force to enforce its decrees."

The women can readily justify their intervention upon two grounds:

First: They pay the heaviest of war's costs.

Second: Men, controlling Governments, have shown themselves incapable, or unwilling, to keep the peace.

As for their plan, it has been often endorsed by the world's best minds. It is the inevitable next step in the socialization of mankind. It is a step which may not soon be taken, but it will be taken the earlier if the women of the world concertedly demand it.

International wars are relics of savagery. They must go out as individual wars (duels) and clan wars (feuds) have gone, under the pressure of adverse public opinion.

## TAXES ON VOLUME OF BUSINESS.

In his minority opinion, Justice Graves declared that the mill tax on street traffic is overplusage added to a general property tax and special taxes reaching a large amount, and this is double taxation, "an abomination" in the eyes of the law.

"If such a scheme as the one in question were perpetrated on the individual citizen of this State," he says, "public clamor and yellow journalism would sweep sober thoughts from the public mind."

But the individual citizen engaged in ordinary competitive business in St. Louis already has to pay not only a heavy tax on the value of his fixtures, stock-in-trade and all other property employed in his business, but a percentage on the gross volume of the business transacted.

Wherein does this volume of business tax collected for years differ from the tax of 1 mill per passenger imposed on the traction company? No public clamor has been raised by this tax. No individual citizen has evaded its payment by a contest lasting for years in State and Federal courts.

Three possible maritime policies.

We can buy and operate a national sea freight service, to carry our port-locked goods to Europe and South America.

Or we can pay a few enterprising private citizens a big subsidy to induce them to do it.

Or we can look wistfully out on the water and twiddle our thumbs.

The first policy would be democratic—and American.

The second policy would be aristocratic and un-American.

The third policy would be merely boneheaded.

## MANAGE THE MEN.

Someone suggests, in order to prevent men from taking seats alongside women in street cars, the men be compelled to use the seats on one side of the car only, leaving the other side for the women. The writer could hardly have been a St. Louisan, but must hail from some city where seats for all is the rule.

But in any event, a motion to amend is in order. Let us have a separate door for the men, and a strong wire screen down the middle of each car. After each man takes his seat, let him be manacled. And if he dares to look across the aisle, blindfold him.

With these rules in force, no masculine elbow could jab feminine ribs and no man's brogan tread on a feminine corn. There would be order and seats for all.

Motion as amended carried unanimously.

## MARTYRDOM FOR GEN. DE WET.

"Shoot the swine," King George V is reported to have remarked when asked what would be done with Gen. de Wet should he be captured. It is a most indiscreet utterance for a king to make, assuming that George said it. It is about the same sort of a remark George III might have made of Washington.

De Wet is not of British ancestry. His fault was that he thought more of South Africa than he did of the British connection of doubtful value. There is not the slightest question that that great country, under the political independence which develops national self-reliance and resourcefulness, would have a far greater future than under an anomalous status which ties it to London, causes it to look for initiative to a capital thousands of miles away and involves it, as it is at present, in European complications in which it has no concern.

To the ideal of a free and independent South Africa this leader of men was prepared to add to the tremendous sacrifices he made 10 years ago. The crown of martyrdom was all that was needed to make him South Africa's great hero, greater than Kruger, greater than Joubert, greater than Botha. We cannot doubt that the time will come when his ideal of a free and independent republic will prevail with his countrymen, and when the opportune time comes his name will be the inspiration of the patriotic movement.

In the meantime he can accept whatever fate is in store for him with resignation and the consciousness that history has reserved for him a higher place than George V will ever occupy.

## One Crop Failure.

From the Milwaukee Sentinel.

Wisconsin is a bit embarrassed at the light trip: crop this year. Usually it runs from six to ten sets, but in 1914 only three sets were born.



## JUST A MINUTE

Written for the POST-DISPATCH by Clark McAdams

## PANETELA.

No, Lucilla,  
There is nothing  
Very definite,  
... best.  
Paris tells us  
That the Allies  
Gain a little  
In the West.  
Petrograd  
Is more than silent  
As to matters  
In the East,  
And the cablegrams  
From Europe  
Have undoubtedly  
Decreased.

What has truly  
Happened, dearie,  
Is that Santa  
Claus has come,  
Putting all  
The ambitions  
Of the Devil  
On the bum.  
Love and mercy  
Have the better  
Of the Caesars  
For a bit,  
And it doesn't  
Greatly matter  
What the combatants  
Submit.

After Christmas,  
Dear Lucilla,  
When our mood  
Is put away,  
We shall give  
Them all a hearing,  
And shall hearken  
What they say.  
For the present  
Time, however,  
We are occupied  
A lot  
With a few  
Sweet things  
That Europe  
Has apparently  
Forgotten.

## WAR IS HELL, SURE ENOUGH.

The allies' left is trying to move around the Germans' right. The Germans' right is also moving around the allies' left. Now, if the left of the Germans' right moves around the right of the allies' left, then what is left of the Germans' right must be what the allies left. But if the German right's left is right is right before the allies' left, then the left is left right where the right was right before the left's left left the right's left. Isn't that right? T. F. McNAMARA.  
East St. Louis.

The Turks are keeping still enough about the exploit of the British submarine which blew up a battleship under the Sultan's nose to warrant a suspicion that the luck of the British was even better than that.

Reports of the war in Russian Poland would be more credible if they were written upon typewriters instead of adding machines.

## LUCILLE.

As one who is world-tired—is weary  
Of ways countless mortals have trod,  
And turns from the days that are dreary  
To rest on the bosom of God;  
I turned from the visions that vanish—  
As came the light feet that would steal  
To my chair, all ready to banish  
My dreams for my little Lucille.

She came, and my heart was made lighter,  
Her rose-petal palm on my head—  
She smiled, and the room was made brighter,  
And all of my fancies had fled.

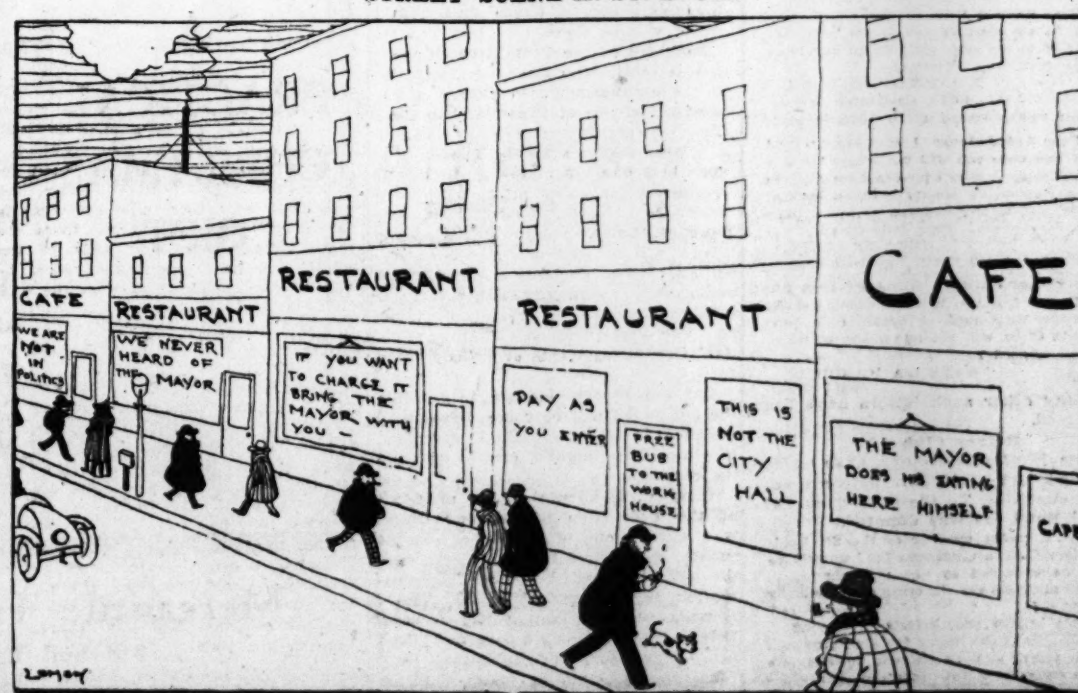
She spoke, and the angels all listened:  
"Oo see I 'st wanted to rest—  
'Til rest." How my eyes gladly glistened,  
As she nestled there on my breast.

... Oh, child, in those regions asexual,  
Afar from the eyes of the throng,  
You live, and your life is eternal,  
And sweet as ineffable song.  
And though I must linger, in sorrow,  
Must dash my journey with time;  
My heart looks ahead to the morrow,  
With you in those regions sublime.

Carlyle, Ill.

Clyde Addison Wright.

## STREET SCENE IN ST. LOUIS.



## ANSWERS TO QUERIES

## LAW POINTS.

READER—License has nothing to do with name. Just see that you use no name that belongs to any other business.

STUNG.—Without a copy of the whole deed we cannot advise just what your rights are and who to sue. By sending such we will advise you.

MAAS.—We don't know Canadian laws in regard to married women. One born in Canada is a British subject. To vote here he must be naturalized.

L. B. C. CO.—We are of the opinion that the bond will cover and secure the brick concern; however, ask to see the bond and read the conditions.

A WIDOW.—The bond of a contractor to city no doubt covers cases of damage to property caused by blasting of sewer contractor, against which you would be secured in event of suit and judgment is obtained.

A. T.—If rent is in arrears no notice is necessary to tenant, and suit for same can be brought at once; otherwise one month's notice is required in writing. If it all has the tools of his trade and household furniture, the same are exempt.

M. B. D.—In Oklahoma wife has no dower in estate of her deceased husband. Real and personal property must be held by husband and wife either as tenants in common or as joint tenants, and it may be the case that the wife to was held jointly; if not you (sister) would be entitled to an interest in the same provided she let no will devolving same to his wife or others.

## NOISELESS GUNS.

UNANSWERED.—In demonstrating his noiseless gun, Maxim would first fire a rifle without his muffler attached. With the big army rifles the report was deafening, causing windows to rattle, and the reverberation was plainly audible all through the building. However, a cartridge of the same length, caliber and charge was fired, the report was barely audible, nothing being heard beyond the crashing of the bullet into the sand pit. A dozen or more rifles of all types were used in the demonstration, yet the report from a United States standard army rifle, the most powerful firearm in existence, was no greater than that from a .33-caliber Winchester repeater. Mr. Maxim demonstrated that his invention will not make things easier for the assassin. The noise of a high-power bullet in the air is enough, he says, to make discovery possible. The fact that it is a puzzling matter to trace the immediate spot from which the gun is fired is not, so he thinks, of great importance save in the single instance of warfare. In 1912 mention was made of two cases in St. Louis in which it was thought a noiseless weapon had been used, but no more of such use has since been published. Maxim says: "If a rifle equipped with a silencer is fired down a railroad track having telegraph poles along the side there is a distinct 'crack' heard for each telegraph pole. If the rifle is fired from an open field with a tree or a clump of bushes at, say, 100 yards, there is heard a 'crack' for each clump of trees. If there are several detached clumps of trees or bushes over the open field, there will be heard a 'crack' for each one of them. If, instead of firing parallel with the ground, the gun is elevated and fired straight up in the air, we hear no noise at all, except the fall of the hammer and the puff of the gases escaping from the silencer. The reason for this is probably as follows: In the ordinary gun the report noise is so loud that it is usually all other sounds, and we are conscious of nothing but report noise itself. It is not until this report noise is annulled that we can hear the bullet flight noise. This latter noise, being made out in the air, is beyond the gun, can come back to the shooter only by reflection. It is usually in one object, we get one reflection and one noise. If there are many separate objects, we get many separate reflections and separate noises. If there are no reflecting objects, such as when a bullet is shot straight up in the air, then we get no reflected noise. As to 'noiseless powder'—powder is absolutely smokeless; there is always vapor or gases.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

X. Y. Z.—Tin foil, junk shops. X—See cardstock at stationery.

F. A. B.—Simply write the board.

CITY.—Train auditor's pay, \$90 to \$100 a month and expenses.

XMAS.—"Do not open until Xmas" is not meant for postmaster.

D. E. E.—See book stores and newsstands for poetry publications.

M. E. J.—Try phonograph inquiry as to make nurse to Hospital.

BACK.—To restore bound to its former hunting ability, train it over again.

WILSON.—Try a talk with Crockett, at Skinner & Kennedy's, about rifle clubs.

W. C. H.—Write Ishman Canal Commission, Washington, D. C., for some facts.

GAFFNER.—Author Harold Bell Wright is son of William Wright, Francis T. Watson Wright; married Frances E. Long of Buffalo, N. Y., 1899.

MONDAY.—Red nose: Avoid tea, coffee and other stimulants. Eat plenty of food. Exercise. Have no impure air. Tepid water for the face. Some apply scraped white potato.

BRIDGEWATER.—Callous spots on hands can be gradually absorbed by rubbing frequently with olive oil or coconut oil or may be immediately removed by using a pumice stone. Wet stone before using, and rub gradually and carefully or a sore place will result.

WORRIED.—Applications of a lotion made by dissolving 10 grains sulphate of quinine in 2 ounces of cologne stimulates hair growth. An ointment consisting of 1 ounce red vaseline, 1 ounce tincture camphor, 1 ounce Jannineum, 1 drop oil camphor.

F.—Tom and Jerry: Beat together 4 eggs and 6 large tablespoons powdered sugar until creamy and frothy. Pour over it 6 wine glasses St. Croix rum, beating constantly. Add 1 cup boiling water. Whip up with egg beater and serve boiling hot with nutmeg on top. Put glasses in pan of hot water and take out as needed.

READER.—Green liquid soap, recommended by skin specialists for fine skins, or for those which have the pores extended, can be made at home. Take equal parts glycerine, water, alcohol and green castile soap. Shave soap into water and stir over fire until mixture is smooth. Add the glycerine and lastly, after kettle is removed from fire, the alcohol. Add a tablespoon cap de Cologne, if perfume is desired.

L. W. W.—Exercises for double chin: Drop the chin to the chest and keep it there for a few minutes. Then roll the head slowly and in a relaxed condition, describing a circle first to the right and then to the left. From the erect position twist the head to the right as far as possible and then to the left. From the erect position try to touch right ear to shoulder, holding shoulder in normal position. Returning to position, repeat on the left side. Drop the head as far back as possible and return slowly to position.

BESSIE.—For pimples, a simple diet, avoiding all rich, greasy foods, sweets and pastries. Eat fresh green vegetables. Have plenty of fresh air in sleeping room. Use a face wash in open air, take frequent baths and drink a teaspoon of phosphate of soda dissolved in water. Sleep at least half an hour before breakfast for several weeks. Epsom salts dissolved in rain water, used as face wash, and then rubbed dry with the hands, is a cure for skin eruptions. It is also a substitute for powder when dried on the face in this way.

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## The Spookery

A Christmas Story of a Respectable and Innocent Young Woman Who Is Suspected of Shoplifting.

By Albert J. Klinck.

CONSTANCE set out early that afternoon to do the last of her Christmas shopping. It was the day before the great festival, and there would be no tomorrow on which to do belated buying. She had left much to do this afternoon. In order to get around, she did not wait at several counters to have her purchases put in top, but put them directly into a handbag she carried. She also managed to have the right change and did not have to wait for the slip usually wrapped in with the purchase. Now and then she took out a list of what she had to buy and, checking one thing off after another, felt exultant at her wonderful progress. She was about to make the last of her purchases, when she felt a hand close rather suddenly upon her arm. She turned a startled face, and saw a man standing beside her.

"Don't create a disturbance," he said, in a low tone, "but come quietly with me to the office. It is the better way."

For a moment Constance looked about her. Then she fixed her eyes upon the man.

"I do not understand," she began. "There is evidently a mistake somewhere. Why do you wish me to go to the office?"

"Come," the man said, "you know why. There is but one reason for asking you to go there. You are apprehended as a shoplifter."

Constance's face turned pale. She looked at the man with a look of incredulity. A look of disdain settled upon her face.

But the next moment she collapsed at the thought of what her handbag contained—unwrapped articles, put in top, and without the usual slips made out by the clerks.

She thinks of escape.

Of course she could attempt to explain. But she knew how useless anything like that would be under the circumstances. She began to think of other things she might do, and through this grew somewhat dazed. In the end but one thing remained in her mind—and that was to escape from the man beside her.

All about her was bustle. The store held a perfect jam of people. They were turning here and there, elbowing their way through. Flight, Constance thought, was plausible in that throng. But what of the sleuth beside her? Could she escape him?

Constance's heart gave unthinkingly. "Come, it is time we started," he said. "Would it be of any use to tell you that I am Constance Beverly, daughter of Colonel John Beverly?" she asked. A half smile across the man's face.

"Yesterday I caught one who said she was the daughter of the Mayor," he said.

"And I suppose it would be quite useless, then, to tell you that everything I have in this bag is paid for?" she further questioned.

"Madam, I myself saw you put some handkerchiefs into that bag," he declared. "It is the custom of this store to wrap up all sales. The handkerchiefs had no paper around them."

He looked triumphantly at her. Constance tried to explain. It was all quite useless.

So occupied was she in trying to devise some plan whereby to elude him when he held her captive that all other thoughts fled from her mind. She had slowly worked her way up to the front of the store in the hope of making a wild dash for the street should an opportunity present itself. But the man followed her closely. Now, more than ever, were her hopes set on frustrating him. Suddenly a strange light came into her eyes. She had leaned back and her hand had come in contact with a heavy curtain which waited. At last the man turned his back to her and looked over the swinging mass, apparently to call one of his associates to his assistance. And when he again turned to face his captive she had disappeared.

Among the Models.

For a moment he stood stone still. Then he hurried to the door, through it, and out upon the sidewalk.

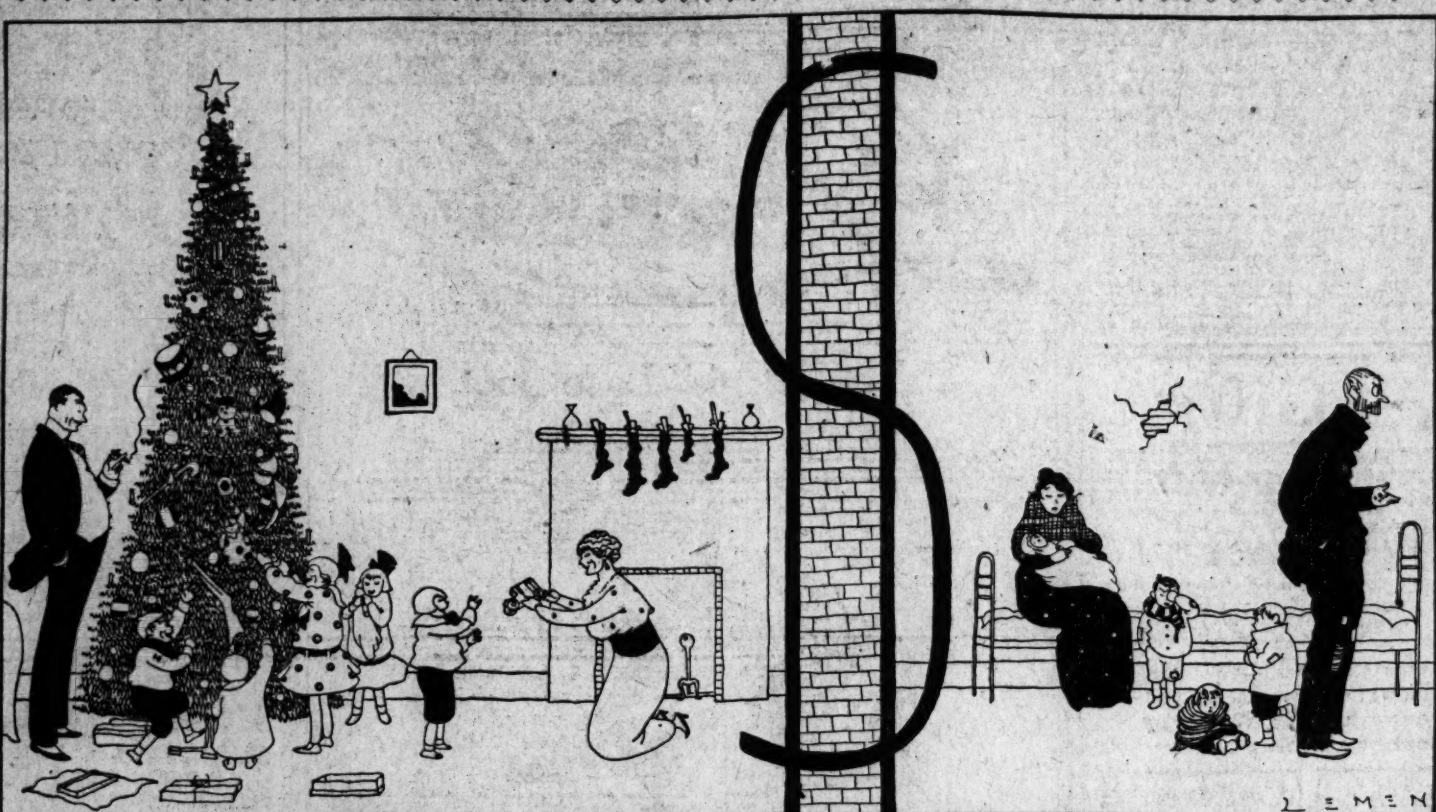
Constance could not help smiling when she saw him. She stood in the show-window, among the models, her handbag concealed by the folds of her costly gown.

The afternoon waned. But the steady flow of people continued. Constance faced calmly the myriads who gazed in at the window. She remained as motionless as possible, and did not fear recognition, for it was costume and hat which were devoured and not more. Several times people she knew halted, but their momentary glance caused her no uneasiness.

Constance felt as if she had jumped out of the fire into the frying-pan, for she knew that by now every exit in the store was being watched for a person answering her description. She was certain the detective could give every detail of what she wore. While thus ruminating, her eyes wandered to one side of the show window. They became riveted upon, ah, for a door.

To turn the knob and look beyond the threshold was the vital point now. When the front of the window was comparatively free from gazing pedestrians she took a step or two, her hand shot out and the door swung open. She looked into the gloom beyond, only to discern that it was a very box of a room, holding two or three costume dummies. She thought first to step into this, close the

## "The Great Divide"



## The Boy Who Always Was Finding Fault

By Mrs. F. A. Walker

FRANK was a very pleasant little boy most of the time; he never forgot to remove his hat when he met a lady or when he entered the house.

But he found fault at the table about his food and his mother was worried for fear this fault-finding habit would grow upon him and he would become a disagreeable man, for, of course, no one likes a person who finds fault.

One night Frank went to his room and undressed and got into bed.

The light from the hall shone on the picture of three little brownie men sitting on a fence, and all at once they began pointing their fingers at Frank and jumped right out of the picture onto his bed.

"Get off my bed," said Frank, "and sit on your fence."

The little men put their hands over their faces and laughed, but their big eyes peering out through their fingers.

"What are you laughing at?" asked Frank. But they did not reply to his question. One of the Brownies pointed at Frank at the window, then he made a motion to the others, and Frank felt himself flying out of the window, with a brownie on each side and one pushing at his back.

Soon they were in the woods and Frank ran along with them until they reached a little brown house with a peaked roof.

The brownies took Frank into the house. It had only one room, the top of which seemed to run to a point, and Frank could not see the end of it.

He was wondering why he had been brought to this place when the door opened and in came the brownies.

"What has he done?" they asked the brownies.

door quickly, and then see if there was not a way leading somewhere to the street. But he felt strong once more as she threaded her way to the door. She still kept her eyes open for the sleuth who had apprehended her on the false charge, and was smiling at the ruse she had adopted to escape him, when a man ran directly into her.

"I beg your pardon," he said, in a low tone that was of the politest.

Constance hurried on, and smiled again to think that he had been eluded the second time.

On the day after Christmas a messenger boy delivered a large box at the department store. The head floor walker opened it in the presence of a score of clerks, and drew forth a skirt, a long coat and a veil. Just then the window trimmer came along, pale and excited, with the information that one of the dummies had in some strange way wandered from the show window to the small storeroom, and stood there minus a skirt and coat, and with a veilless hat.

There were many attempts at explanations. But to this day the matter is spoken of as a mystery, and the little room off the show window has been designated the "Spookery."

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## CHAPTERS FROM A WOMAN'S LIFE

By Dale Drummond.

## Chapter CVIII.

FOUND the work in Mr. Flam's office most congenial. I was in his private office in a corner by a large window. He had bought a large screen for me, and when persons came into his office I was perfectly hidden, unless, of course, he needed me.

I sent Nora two dollars a week and mother five dollars; that added to my ten dollars made seventeen dollars a week it cost me to live. The other 16 of my 35 I religiously put away each week, and so soon as I had \$40 or \$50 I paid some bill. Lorraine, seeing I was in earnest about paying her as fast as I was able, had the last time she sent me a receipt inclosed a note of thanks, wishing me success.

I read, I studied, I worked. This was my life at this time. I occasionally spent Sunday with either Nell or Gerlie and about once a month with Mr. and Mrs. Flam. Of my other friends and acquaintances I saw practically nothing. If I passed them in the street a formal bow was the only recognition. Mildred Somers was in Europe, and I seldom saw Ned. When I did he always bowed gravely but never spoke.

I had been in Mr. Flam's office about a month when I again heard from Jack. And again it was nothing but a blank postal card. But this time, with the help of Mrs. Burns' magnifying glass, I made out the postmark. It was a little town in the extreme Northwest. On the chance that he might send a letter, I wrote him there, but my letter was returned from the dead letter office. Either he was not there, or was going by some other name. The latter most likely. I hesitated long to tell Mr. Flam, and finally decided not to. I would wait. But again, as before, it had put new life, new courage in me just to know Jack was alive, and thinking of me. I worked so hard, studied so assiduously, that Mr. Flam declared I "must take it easier," as he feared I would be ill.

"I hear from Mother."

So it went on. Even though I was at times lonely and unhappy, time passed with incredible swiftness. Once I thought I would have Nora again to think that to New York, and that I would take a little flat and keep them there. But I soon saw that if I did I should not be able to save anything toward the debts, which, as I now lived, I was slowly but surely reducing. Mr. Flam urged me to resign myself to my fate.

"Did you call?" she asked, as she reached the floor.

"Yes," answered Frank; "I want to get away from here."

"I will help you," said the fairy, and she waved her wand and he and she off fell the dreadful poultries, and the fairy took him by the hand.

UP and up they went through the peaked roof and out into the woods.

When the fairy had taken Frank where the power of the goblins could not reach him, she said: "I have helped you because I do not think you intended to be a disagreeable boy, and I want to give you another chance. You must not find fault any more, and when you go to the table eat what is served and remember that there are many little boys and girls in the world who are hungry and would be glad to have a small part of the nice dinner you have every day. If the goblins get you again, I may not be able to rescue you and they will put on the poultries again."

Frank promised that he would not find fault any more and the fairy waved her wand and the star grew brighter and brighter. Frank opened his eyes and there was his mother beside the bed tucking the clothes around him.

"What is the matter?" asked his mother.

"I guess it was a dream," said Frank and then he told her about the goblin and the fairy and how the brownies had carried him off in his dream. (Copyright by the McClure Newspaper Syndicate.)

ANOTHER SANDMAN STORY WILL BE PUBLISHED TOMORROW.

## The Popular Girl

SHE can smile when things go wrong, and does not consider every disappointment a calamity. She shares her pleasures and keeps her troubles to herself.

She never makes the faults of her friends a subject of conversation, is slow to criticism and can always find something kind to say about everyone.

She accepts favors gracefully and returns them gladly.

She does not shift her responsibilities to others, but cheerfully lends a hand to lighten her neighbor's load.

She strives to keep on the sunny side, but is ever ready with helpful sympathy for those who walk in the shade.

She is loyal to her friends, tender and devoted to those she loves and generous to all.

She is liked by both men and women and loved by children, and she finds the world a good place to live in.

All these points it may be noticed belong to a girl's inner life; they can hardly be added from the outside. Outward popularity depends somewhat upon circumstances; but true and permanent popularity must always depend on character. A great number of girls forget this, and are only admired while they are young and pretty, by those who know little about them. The girl who is lovely in character wins popularity year in and year out.

The tango craze has reached another high notch, a new community in West Virginia being named Tango. Curiously enough, there is not a resident who is familiar with the dance.

Gov. Major and everybody who dances will be at the Dreamland ball for the Post-Dispatch Christmas Festival Fund tomorrow night.

Illotously.

"No, but unless you really need me I should like the day off."

"Certainly, my dear. I was afraid you were ill."

"I await Jack's coming."

MR. FLAM made everything so easy for me that I had no desire nor reason to pretend illness or to make excuses to him. He trusted me and I had tried, oh, so hard, to be worthy of that trust.

I went back into my room, and although I had just finished dressing, I immediately undressed, combed my hair in a more becoming style—not plainly, as I wore it to the office, but as Jack used to like me to wear it. I then selected the prettiest dress I had in my wardrobe, one I had worn since I had remodeled it, and putting it on I sat down to wait.

I had an interesting book (at least I had thought so the night before), and tried to read; but I couldn't keep still. I stood at the window watching, or walked back and forth until I became so nervous I feared I should break down utterly when he came and I had made up my mind that I would be both brave and calm.

My room was bare and unlovely—a typical lodging house room. (I had never cared particularly, as I was so busy when in it. Now it struck me all as too ugly to receive Jack in. I would get some flowers. So telling the maid that if a gentleman either telephoned or came I would be back in a few minutes, I hurried around the corner to a little florist shop.

(To be continued.)

## Some New Recipes

Gold and Silver Cake—Half a cup of butter, 1 cup of sugar, 1/2 cup of flour, 1/2 cup of milk, 1/2 teaspoon of baking powder, whites of 4 eggs beaten to a stiff froth. Flavor with vanilla. This is for the silver. Gold is made the same way with the yolks and flavored with lemon. This will make a large loaf. In putting in pan use alternately spoonful silver and then gold.

Veal Loaf—Pass 2 pounds of veal and 1/2 pound of fresh pork through a meat chopper, add 1 1/2 cups of stale bread crumbs, moistened with 1/2 cup of hot water, 2 well beaten eggs, the juice of 1 lemon, 1 teaspoon of salt, a little pepper. Mix lightly, turn into a buttered pan, dredge with flour, pour in 1/2 cup of meat liquor and bake in a moderate oven.

Chicken Fricassee—Cut chicken in pieces, cover with boiling water and cook until tender, reducing the water to

about 1 pint; season with pepper and salt. Put 1-3 cup butter in a frying pan and fry the chicken in this until a delicate brown. Thicken the liquor with a little flour, and let simmer about 10 minutes. Serve in a deep dish.

Casserole of Rice and Meat—Boil 1 cup of rice until tender, chop 1/2 cup cold meat fine, season with 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1/2 saltspoonful pepper, 1 saltspoonful celery salt, 1 saltspoonful chopped onion, 1 saltspoonful chopped parsley, 1 saltspoonful thyme, 1 saltspoonful marjoram, add 2 tablespoonfuls of cracker crumbs and 1 beaten egg. Moisten with enough hot water so it may be packed easily. Butter a small mould, line bottom and sides 1/2 inch deep with rice; pack in the meat, cover closely with rice, steam 45 minutes; loosen it around the edges of the mould, turn it out on a platter and serve with tomato sauce.

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Misses' and Children's Crochet Slippers—Nice, warm and comfortable—all colors—sizes 6 to 10 and 11 to 2, pair..... 39c

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# \$6 DECLINE IS RECORDED BY RAILWAYS PFD.

Adverse Mill Tax Decision Causes Offers at \$30.50 Against \$36.50 Saturday.

ST. LOUIS CLEARING HOUSE STATEMENT  
Today \$1,537,408  
Last week \$1,472,950  
Increase \$64,458

United Railways preferred stock declined \$6 per share on the local stock exchange today, following the adverse decision in the mill tax case handed down by the Supreme Court Saturday. No sales were recorded, but offers were made at \$30.50 as the trading closed, against sales of 10 shares at \$36.50 on Saturday. The price of \$30.50 was the lowest figure at which the issue could be offered under the minimum price rule recently adopted by the Board of Governors of the exchange.

United Railways common stock was not mentioned. It sold recently at \$11.50. The 4 per cent bonds of the company lost 3 points at \$7.50 and 7 per cent bonds at \$10.25. Closing offers were made at \$7.50 without bids.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS  
STOCKS Bid Asked  
Herman Savings Inst. 40 40 1/2  
Bank of Commerce 30 30 1/2  
United Railways pfd. 30 30 1/2  
K. C. Home Tel. Co. 8 8 1/2  
Chicago Tel. Co. 6 6 1/2  
National Candy Co. 10 10 1/2  
Union Pacific 40 40 1/2  
Wagner Elec. Mfg. 10 10 1/2  
Int. Shoe Co. 10 10 1/2  
American Gold Mining 15 15 1/2  
Miss. R. & Bonne Terre 8 8 1/2

BETWEEN SESSIONS  
1 Wagner Electric Manufacturing at 12 1/2  
20 United Railways preferred at 30 1/2  
10 United Railways common at 11 1/2  
REGULAR SESSIONS  
1000 United Railways 40 at 7 1/2  
1000 United Railways 40 at 7 1/2  
1000 St. L. & Suburban Gen. 50 at 7 1/2

UNLISTED SECURITIES  
Reported daily by the Altheimer & Rawlings Inv. Co., 207 North Broadway, St. Louis, Mo.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 21.  
Central Bank Co. pfd. 40 40 1/2  
Hartman & Co. 10 10 1/2  
Maxwell Motor Co. 10 10 1/2  
K. C. Home Tel. Co. 8 8 1/2  
Chicago Tel. Co. 6 6 1/2  
National Candy Co. 10 10 1/2  
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American Gold Mining 15 15 1/2  
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PREFERRED STOCKS  
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American Bakery Co. 7 7 1/2  
Hartman & Co. 10 10 1/2  
Maxwell Motor Co. 10 10 1/2  
K. C. Home Tel. Co. 8 8 1/2  
Chicago Tel. Co. 6 6 1/2  
National Candy Co. 10 10 1/2  
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American Gold Mining 15 15 1/2  
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LIVESTOCK  
NATIONAL STOCKYARDS, Ill., Dec. 21.—Comparative receipts table:

Week Ago Year Ago  
Cattle 14,000 12,000 15,000  
Hogs 10,000 8,000 10,000  
Sheep 2,000 2,000 2,000  
Horses and mules 1,000 1,000 2,100

RECEIPTS—The receipts were liberal and the market opened a shade higher on the cattle, while the hogs and sheep were lower and very slow sale. Hogs at \$7.25 represented the highest price of the day, while the bulk of the offerings went at \$7.15 and \$7.10. Best hogs went largely at \$7.15 and better while the mixed and plain grades sold at \$6.50 to \$7.00, and rough hogs at \$6.00 to \$6.50. Fair grades of hogs brought \$6.75 to \$7.00, fair grades of sheep at \$5.00 to \$5.25, and common ones at \$4.50 to \$5.00. The close was on a quiet basis.

SHIPMENT—A very small supply was reported and the market was on a tight basis, with best lambs at \$8.25 to \$8.50, sheep at \$6.00 to \$6.25, and hogs at \$7.00 to \$7.25. The usual Xmas trade was at hand today, and there was no auction bid, and the only sales were of animals. Mule sales had little to do today, as there was no demand in this section, and very few sales were reported.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Hogs: Receipts, 33,000; slow; bulk, \$6.50 to \$7.00; light, \$6.75 to \$7.15; mixed, \$6.50 to \$7.00; heavy, \$6.50 to \$7.15; rough, \$6.50 to \$7.00. Cattle: Receipts, 7,000; firm; native steers, \$5.15 to \$5.50; Western, \$5.00 to \$5.25; cows and heifers, \$4.50 to \$5.00; sheep, \$5.00 to \$5.25; lambs, \$5.00 to \$5.25.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 21.—Hogs: Receipts, 4,000; steady to 5c lower; top, \$7.15; bulk, \$6.75 to \$7.00. Cattle: Receipts, 6,000; 15c to 20c higher; top, \$7.50; bulk, \$7.00 to \$7.25; cows and heifers, \$6.50 to \$7.00; sheep, \$5.00 to \$5.25; lambs, \$5.00 to \$5.25.

Primary Receipts and Shipments  
Reported by St. Louis Merchants' Exchange  
ST. LOUIS, Dec. 21.

RECEIPTS  
From Foreign 100,000  
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Total 200,000

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## Kansas City Livestock.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 21.—Hogs: Receipts, 8,000; steady; bulk, \$6.00 to \$6.25; light, \$6.00 to \$6.25; heavy, \$6.00 to \$6.25; rough, \$6.00 to \$6.25. Cattle: Receipts, 7,000; strong to 15c higher; top, \$7.50; bulk, \$7.00 to \$7.25; cows and heifers, \$6.50 to \$7.00; sheep, \$5.00 to \$5.25; lambs, \$5.00 to \$5.25.

## Omaha Livestock.

SOUTH OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 21.—Hogs: Receipts, 10,000; steady; heavy, \$6.50 to \$6.75; light, \$6.50 to \$6.75; bulk, \$6.50 to \$6.75. Cattle: Receipts, 17,000; higher; native steers, \$6.75 to \$7.00; cows and heifers, \$6.50 to \$6.75; sheep, \$5.00 to \$5.25; lambs, \$5.00 to \$5.25.

## New York Produce.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Butter: Firm; receipts, 8,000; creamery extras (62 copies), \$24.50 to \$25.00; creamery (higher scoring), \$24.50 to \$25.00; seconds, \$23.50 to \$24.00; packing stock, \$23.50 to \$24.00; current make, No. 2, \$23.50 to \$24.00. Eggs: Receipts, 900 boxes; State whole milk held special, 18c (18c); do average fancy, 15c (15c); do fresh special, 15c; do average fancy, 14c (14c); skins, 8c (8c).

## Chicago Produce.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Butter: Higher; creamery, \$24.50 to \$25.00; packing stock, \$23.50 to \$24.00; current make, No. 2, \$23.50 to \$24.00. Eggs: Receipts, 900 boxes; State whole milk held special, 18c (18c); do average fancy, 15c (15c); do fresh special, 15c; do average fancy, 14c (14c); skins, 8c (8c).

## Bar Silver.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Bar silver, 22d per ounce. Money 1 1/4 per cent. Discount rates, short and three months, 2 1/2 per cent.

## Says Stranger Stabbed Him.

Thomas Sullivan of 4111 Labadie avenue was stabbed in the shoulder at 5 a. m. today while he was unlocking the door to William Sullivan's saloon at 2301 Cass avenue, in which he is a bartender. He told the police that a strange man rushed upon him with a knife, and ran away after inflicting a flesh wound.

## Additional Market News Today on Page 17.

## The "Regis" Lace Boot

Price \$5.00

A real advance style—an exclusive Queen Quality creation. Patent clothskin or gunmetal vamp and heel foxing; new sand-colored cloth top, concealed eyelets, leather stay. This boot is a true style leader and is one of the handsomest boots we have offered this season. The most discriminating patrons of our shop have already set the stamp of their approval upon it.

We have also the new "Spot Top" button model in patent leather and gunmetal, with \$4.50 and \$5.00

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No. 4—Men's Diamond Ring, 6-prong, 14k solid gold, 1.00 carat, Roman finish, \$66

1100—Ladies' Ring, fancy 14k solid gold, 1.00 carat, English finish, \$15

1108—Ladies' Ring, Platinum top, solid gold shank, 2 beautiful diamonds, latest mount, Price \$42

659—Ladies' Diamond Ring, 14k solid gold, Loffis "Perfection" mount, \$50

1106—Ladies' or Men's Ring, Fancy Twist Belcher, 14k solid gold, fine brilliant diamond, Priced for Christmas, \$20

1108—Ladies' Fancy Ring, 14k solid gold, 1.00 carat, \$25

25—Diamond, round, solid gold, \$1.50 a Month

1106—Men's Flat Belcher Ring, 14k solid gold, large sparkling diamond, Special, \$62.50

\$4.50 a Month \$2.50 a Month

DIAMOND LA VALLIERES

1134—La Vallieres, solid gold, black enamel, 1 fine diamond, 1 real Pearl, 15-inch chain, \$15

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## 17-Jewel \$12.75

Elgin, Waltham or Hampden

No. 16—Genuine Elgin, Waltham or Hampden Watch, in 25-year guaranteed durable stria gold-filled case, adjusted to temperature, isochronism and positions, movement guaranteed 25 years, only \$12.75

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# Between Ban and Walter, the Feds Face Another Case of Too Much Johnson

## MR. SHORT SPORT: Shorty gets credit for this joke, but the jeweler wants cash

By JEAN KNOTT

THERE'S A DIME SON, NOW DELIVER THIS LITTLE PACKAGE WHICH IS ADDRESSED TO ME AROUND TO MY HOUSE - I WANT THE GUY THERE TO THINK I'VE BEEN BUYING CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

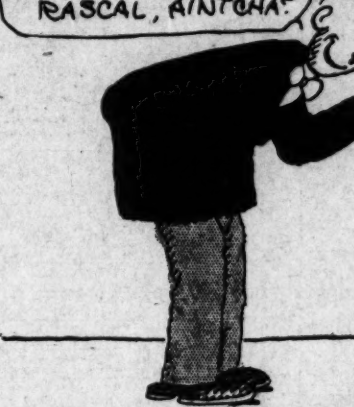


I'LL DO THAT LITTLE THING

PUTTY SLICK - TO GET A ERRAND BOY WHICH WORKS FOR A JEWELRY STORE TO DELIVER THAT DUMMY PACKAGE TO ME - LUNK WILL RECIEVE IT AND THINK I BOUGHT SOMETHING FOR HIM



HA! Y'VEEN DOING YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING Y' LIL RASCAL, KINTONAP?



GOWAN HOW DO Y' KNOW?



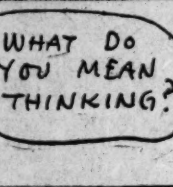
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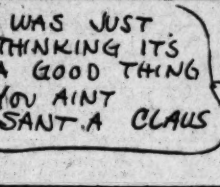
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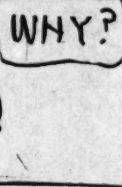
WHAT DO YOU MEAN THINKING?



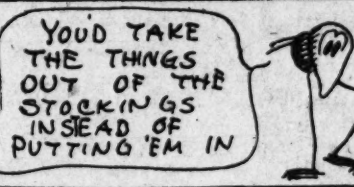
I WAS JUST THINKING IT'S A GOOD THING YOU AINT SINT-A CLAUS



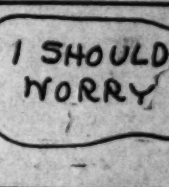
WHY?



YOU'D TAKE THE THINGS OUT OF THE STOCKINGS INSTEAD OF PUTTING 'EM IN



I SHOULD WORRY



## LOBERT MAY SIGN WITH LOCAL FEDS AT CHICAGO TODAY

Philadelphia Third Baseman Favorably Impressed, in Conference Here.

HE'S A "FREE AGENT"

Contract With the Philadelphia National League Club Has Expired.

By W. J. O'Connor.

The status of the J. B. Lobert vs. St. Louis Federal case, gentlemen, is about as follows:

Precisely at 5 o'clock in the afternoon of Friday, Dec. 18, 1914, Hans Lobert, a third baseman, living in Philadelphia, where he pays taxes on an eight-room house this side of Germantown, decided that he would investigate the financial standing of one Philip de Catesby Ball, a cold storage man of St. Louis, who dabbles in baseball as a side line.

Chucking a set of military hair brushes, a clean collar and an uncolored shirt into a bag, the aforementioned Lobert boarded a rattler that kicked its dust into Quakerstown's face precisely at 6 o'clock on the hereinafter mentioned Friday, Dec. 18.

Said Mr. Lobert reached St. Louis Saturday evening, Dec. 19. The first thing he did was to write Harry Feltows and all the other attaches of the Jefferson Hotel, including Hawkshaw E. Noonan, to secure, then caused to be posted on the hotel switchboard a sign, which read, "Go to out to all callers," and thereafter was identified by his room.

Mr. Ball—That's All.

At about 8 o'clock on Saturday evening, Phillips de Catesby Ball was seen in the office, carrying his book and the latest edition of Bradstreet's. He prevailed upon Lobert to accompany him to a cafe on Ninth street, just off Washington avenue. There the financial standing of the Philadelphia National League club was discussed, pro and con. But later, on Sunday morning, Lobert, clothed in a fur coat, borrowed for the occasion, was driven about the city and introduced to a certain brewer on the south-west corner of town, besides being motored into the country, where magnates maintain palatial country homes.

Lobert was impressed, but not over-whelmed. So he went to his room at the Jefferson and after long deliberation made this statement to the Post-Dispatch:

"I was advised by Federal League agents to visit St. Louis and I have done so. My contract with the Philadelphia club has expired, and I have talked terms with President Baker for next season. We had a very nice talk, but I explained to Mr. Baker that I considered it my inalienable right to treat with the Federal League. Others have done so with profit, and I proposed to do so.

Likes Feds' Offer.

"I have been favorably impressed by the local promoters, but I can honestly say that as yet I have not signed a contract. I leave tonight, and I expect to see President Catesby Ball in Chicago and things may develop, but I couldn't accurately predict, just now, what will happen."

"I am not averse to playing in St. Louis. I'm in baseball for a living and I'm not rich. If I sign with the Federal League it will be because I think it is in my benefit. Should I sign I will give the club my best. Good-by."

That, gentlemen, is the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help me Hans Lobert.

Hedges Arrives; Departs.

After inhaling the sea breeze around San Antonio, Tex., for two months, Col. R. L. Hedges, who is responsible for the Browns' return to St. Louis, Saturday, and swung into midseason form. His trip:

"The Browns will run one-two-three or I'm the worst prophet in the history of the game," said he, whereupon one of the oldest Brown rovers in town gasped: "Enough." And then turned over and died.

Hedges departed for Chicago last night to treat with Ban Johnson on the business of the Federal League. The Yanks will play three times a week, as announced, but the Hamilton players will show here on Jan. 1, 2 & 3.

## "White Hopes" of Billiard World

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# "Bill"

In which Christmas comes and presents are exchanged in the office.

By Paul West.

"WELL," says Izzy Katz when I meet up with him on the way to work, "I got all the Christmas shopping done early and easy." "Yeah?" I say, giving him a funny look. "I got all the Yum Kip-pur presents bought already for next year! The nerve of youse furriners!" I says, "tryin' fer to butt in on Christmas! Why d'you stick to yer own holidays?" I says, "an' leave us enjoy our own wraff!" "Gwan," he says, "I got as much right to it as youse have, an' if youse is thinkin' o' slippin' me a nice new different scarf pin or anythin' like that," he says, "address it to Mike O'Brien, care of me, an' I'll get it safe." "What's Mike O'Brien?" I says. "Some new kid in the buildin'?" "He is not," says Izzy. "Mike O'Brien's me Christmas present name, so it won't look so funny on the card with the present." "Well, Mike O'Brien or Izzy Katz?" I says. "Is all the same to me. I won't be writin' either o' them this year." "Gwan," he says, "I gotter gimme sumpin'." "Is customary between friends?" "Are youse goin' ter gimme anythin'?" I says. "Mebbe I am an' mebbe I ain't," he says. "That's up to you, but don't be a tightwad. Anyhow, if youse goin' ter give anybody anythin', don't do it till youse talk to me about it. A right, Santa Clause, I says, "What's the gag now?" "Pitchers," says Izzy. "Pitchers o' what?" I says. "Terrell," says he. "Ter story I wrote me a pitcher." I says, "kiddin' him, but youse'll haveter pass the dish the second time, fer I didn't get any of it on me plate the first time it went by." "Photographs," he says. "That's the gag. Give 'em pitchers of yourself, wid Merry Christmas or some on like that onto 'em, an' they'll fall all over themselves wid joy!" "Who'll do this?" I says. "Anybody," says Izzy. "Hones, I never tipped youse wrong yet, an' youse wanten Iissen to me. They's nuttin'," he says, "fer friends' 'I appreciate more than the likes of you which they love an' admire," he goes on. "What more conducive to pleasant min'ries than, durin' the dim an' distant days ter come, to look upon the bluntness of me as esteem, when mebbe now and then in the Great Reapen, wan' ferget the rest," he says, "but that's the gag."

Bill Gets a Ticket to

Have His Picture Taken

"WHERE" youse swalley thim words? I says, knowin' they wasn't none o' his regular talk. "Often the card," he says. "Look-uh!" An' he slips me a big ticket. "Where's this fer?" I says. "Fer to get yer pitcher took," he says. "I got the agency in the buildin', the guy bein' a cousin of an uncle o' mine or sumpin. Anyhow, 'tis a gran' little gag, an' a fine cheap way o' payin' off a whole lot o' Christmas presents." "But," I says, "out in the first place I ain't got wan o' thim faces what'll stand bein' photographed, an' in the second they's no body wants no pitcher o' me!" "Don't fool yourself," says Izzy. "How 'bout Genevieve, Rolly?" "Gwan," I says, but I was tinkin' it might make a hit wid her, she still bein' kinder stuck on youn truly. "An' how about the Boss?" says Izzy. "I said say no!" I says. "He sees plenty o' all the day widout havin' to lamp me on the piano to home!" "Ter foolish!" he says. "Well, anyhow," I says, "I ain't gadder give him no presents this year, because all he's doin' is talk about the hard times."

"Gwan," says Izzy. "I know better. Never mind how," says he, "but from sumpin' he was sayin' only the other day I see youse sayin' only the other day 'an' often Ethel, too. So o' course youse'll haveter be givin' em sumpin' back or they'll be mad at youse!" "An' well, I s'pose so," I says. "I'll slip 'em a card or sumpin'."

Bill Arranges With Izzy

to Sit for His Picture

THEY was guys settin' at their desks an' lookin' outer windows an' all, an' one feller lookin' like he was just lookin' up from writin' or sumpin. "Ain't that the classy dope?" says Izzy. "Why, lookit," he says, "there's the guy. I'll have him rush up to youse some noontime when the Boss an' Ethel's bot out, an' leave him take youse settin' at yer desk, workin'." "That ain't no worse," I says. "I would be good evidence fer to pull on the Boss when he says I never do nuttin'." "Gwan," says Izzy. "An' Ethel'd go nutty over yer pitcher, too. An' yer old woman, n'-O! youse could get rid o' a dozen all right," he says, "widout much trouble. When I send the guy up!" he says. "Oh, any more," I says, "only don't

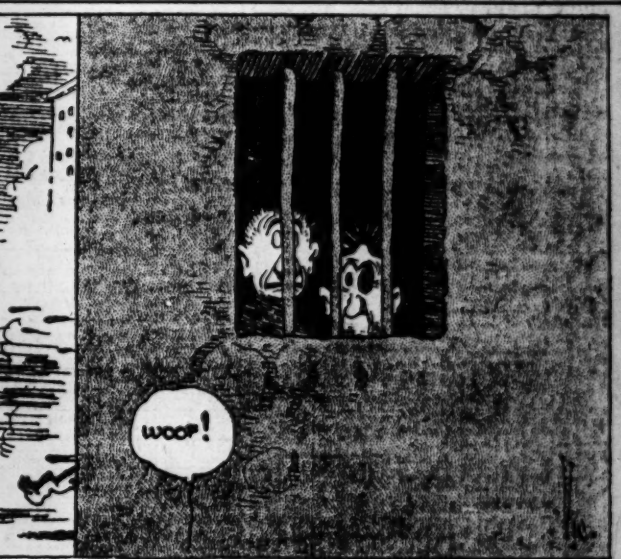
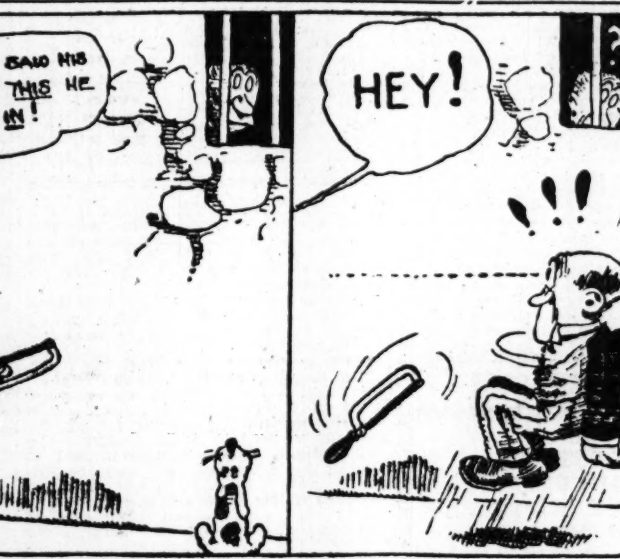
## 'SMATTER POP?



Drawn for the Post-Dispatch By C. M. PAYNE.

## Flooey's Intentions Were Good, but Then You Know That Old Gag About Good Intentions!

Drawn for the Post-Dispatch By VIC.



## Stories St. Louisans Tell

### The Toothpick's Survival

AROLD MAXWELL, vice-president of the Samuel Cupples Wood-shaw Co., was telling members of the Business Men's League how all the familiar articles of woodware of a generation ago had been driven out of modern homes through inventive progress.

There was no longer any old oaken bucket to hang in the wall, but a galvanneal one instead; no redupplings of wood, no old-style wash-tubs and washboards.

"About all there is left of the woodware business is the humble toothpick," he said, "and even the use of that is a social error."

(The Post-Dispatch invites contributions of amusing anecdotes. They must be brief, and bear contribution name as an assurance of authenticity. Contributor's name will not be printed. Address letters to Comic Page, Post-Dispatch.)

leave the Boss or Ethel get wise or 'twould spoil the gag!" "The guy's as cozy as a yegg," says Izzy. "He'll look out!"

Well, when I goes back to the office, the first dash outer the box from Ethel shows me Izzy ain't so crazy after all.

"Where was youse?" she says.

"Out," I says, "comin' in the p.m." "What's that?" she says.

"Youse if I was?" I says, standin' up by the glass an' seein' how I looked when the guy should come round.

"Goin' ter buy that dimunt ta-ra-ra fer me 'tis time youse was on the jump."

"An' why'd I be buyin' youse Christmas presents?" I says. "Oh, nuttin'."

she says, "onless, o' course, youse was decent enough fer to gimme me sumpin' in exchange fer the wan I'm goin' ter slip youse. It won't be much," she says, "a mere token o' me esteem, an' mebbe youse'll not care for it, but 'tis the best I kin do this year."

"Well, don't worry, old scout," I says. "I got youse all picked out, too." "Oh, what is it?" she says.

"Niver mind," I says. "I'm sure to, she says, "fer I'm wan o' thim what 'tikes it don't make no difference o' the value of a present as long as the heart's wid it. Some personal token," she says, "sumpin' that'll make youse think o' the giver whenever youse look at it in the dim an' distant

I kep' me trap closed, an' waited, an' when they'd bot sneaked out at lunch time I phones Izzy Katz, an' in he comes wid the pitcher guy.

"Hurry up," I says. "I don't want 'em to come back an' nail me. It don't hurt much, do it?" I says. "No," says the guy, "it'll be over in a minnut. But Iissen," he says, "where'd youse want it taken?"

"Right at me desk," I says, "lookin' busy as a wan-armed conductor takin' transfers!"

"But it's too dark there," he says. "Sure," says Izzy. "Iissen," he says to me, "why don't youse do the same as I did? Me own desk's as dark as yours, an' I sneaked in an' set at the Boss, where it's fine an' light, an' the pitcher's gran'. Come on in an' we'll do the same."

So in we sneaks, an' I sits down at the Boss' desk.

"Done!" says the guy. "Is it all over?" I says. "I didn't feel nuttin'."

"The pitcher'll be did Tuesday," says the guy.

Well, ain't it funny when yer tryin' ter be foxy an' hide anythin', the way youse is allus tinkin' folks is onto youse? I betcher a t'ousand times between then an' nex' Tuesday the Boss an' Ethel was makin' cracks like they was wise to me.

An' Tuesday mornin' Izzy Katz comes round an' slips me a big onylop wid a dozen pitchers into it. An' say! Well, I hate to be braggin', but I've seen worse, all right! An' settin' there at the Boss' desk, wid wan leg up on it, little token o' the heart," I says.

"What I kin lamp in the days what's comin', an' all that gag," I says.

"Bumpin' what'll make me tink o' youse all the time, Boss," I says, "be it ever so humble!" "The right idea, me lad," he says.

Bill Uses the Boss' Desk

for the Photo's Background

MEET up wid Izzy the nex' mornin', an' there's a guy wid him wid a pitcher-takin' machine.

"This is him," says Izzy. "He'll be round here all mornin', an' the minnut Ethel an' the Boss sneaks out, leave me know an' I'll rush him up."

"Well, I was the nervous kid, all right, all the mornin', an' Ethel an' the Boss was bot' wise to it."

I'm goin' ter give Ethel's here first an' thim go in an' hand the Boss his, but she's in his office, so I blows in.

Bill, the Boss and Ethel

All Make the Same Gift

MERRY Christmas, Bill," says the Boss, seein' me an' the two o' thim, youse could see, was hidin' sumpin' behind their backs.

"Merry Christmas, Bill," says Ethel. "I was jus' comin' in fer to give me humbly present to Mister Hadley, an' yer time fer to see it, because 'tis the same as your own from me, even if youse ain't bought none fer me yet."

"Never mind, Bill," says the Boss. "An' here's mine to the bot o' youse," says Ethel. An' I just passes my two chromos to the two o' thim, an' kinder gags fer breaf, fer by the size an' th' shape o' the t'ings I'm gettin' suspicious what's goin' ter happen. An' I happened, all right, fer the minnut I opins the Boss' onylop there's his mug grinnin' up at me, wid "Merry Christmas" under it, an' the same wid Ethel's, an' all t'ree of us, on the level, settin' this, too. I got youse an' Ethel's."

"Fine!" says the Boss. "Thin leave us present thim simultaneously, when I count t'ree! Wan, two, t'ree!" he says, an' drags out from behind his back two big onylopes. An' so do Ethel, an' so do I, an' stands holdin' 'em out, the t'ree of us.

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at the Boss' desk, lookin' like we owned it! The Boss sets his wind fire. "Well," he says, "if this ain't a co-impudence, or sumpin' like that, he says, "I wonder how we all thought alike?" "Izy Katz!" says me, "Ethel. "But I mean," he says, "th' selection o' th' background. Not," he says, "that object, fer the most becomin' to the t'ree of us, so we'll leave it pass. Anyhow we've all did well! We've all been economical an' sensible. I know th' presents received from the two o' youse 'll be valued among me most precious possessions, an' I shall allow keep 'em where I kin see 'em! I mean it!" he says. "Me two faithful friends," an' he looked like he did. Thin me an' Ethel wish him a Merry Christmas an' wint out. I didn't say nuttin', but I

was tinkin'. An' I guess 'twas about th' same as what she was tinkin', because pretty soon she slams the door o' our pitchers in her desk an' says, "Well, of all th' tightwads, youse is th' tightest!"

Gov. Major and everybody who dance will be at the Dreamland ball for the Post-Dispatch Christmas Festival Fur tomorrow night.

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